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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

May 11, 2016

Ms. Jennifer Burnett
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OR2016-10788

Dear Ms. Burnett:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 610807 (OGC# 168004).

The University of Texas at Arlington (the "university") received a request for the winning bid in response to a specified request for proposals. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of this information may implicate the proprietary interests of CompuFACT Research, Inc. ("CompuFACT"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified CompuFACT of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). We have received comments on behalf of CompuFACT stating the company does not object to release of its information. We have also reviewed the submitted information. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the submitted information must be released.¹

¹We note the information being released includes social security numbers. However, section 552.147(b) of the Government Code authorizes a governmental body to redact a living person's social security number from public release without the necessity of requesting a decision from this office under the Act. Gov't Code § 552.147(b).

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Berger', written over the typed name.

Brian E. Berger
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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

1 Third Party
(w/o enclosures)