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**From:** Staton, Jennifer A  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2017 3:34 PM  
**To:** 'fredric.smith@healthmaster.com'  
**Cc:** Foster, James H  
**Subject:** RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

Mr. Smith-

Thank you for your clarification regarding your two FOIA requests to the Beaufort County School District. Your first FOIA request seeks copies of the responses for RFP #18-004, Medicaid Direct Billing Services. The BCSD cancelled this RFP on or about September 20, 2017. As no retention period for proposals after cancelation exists, prior to your request all proposals in response to RFP #18-004 were destroyed. As such there are no documents responsive to this request in the BCSD's possession, custody, or control.

Regarding RFP #18-014, the BCSD will provide the information requested once negotiations are finalized and a signed agreement in place. Prior to and during contract negotiations the release of information is limited. According to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 4, Title 30, *Code of Laws of South Carolina*, Section 30-4-40, Matters exempt from disclosure, the documents you requested are exempt from the FOIA at this time.

Subsection (5) of Section 30-4-40 of the Act describes documents of and documents incidental to proposed contractual arrangements and documents of and documents incidental to proposed sales or purchases of property to be exempt from disclosure. Until contract negotiations are complete, related components of the contractual agreement are exempt from disclosure. Until finalization of the contract, the BCSD will not release information that could compromise the ability to negotiate and affect the outcome of any negotiations. Also, in the unlikely event the BCSD cannot come to terms with a vendor, there is a possibility the RFP could be cancelled and reissued. To release response data or pricing information would be detrimental to the competitive process and unfair to all respondents.

However, that section of the Act goes on to say that these documents are not exempt from disclosure once a contract is executed. As such, once a contract is executed, the exemption from disclosure is lifted and the information available for release via the FOIA. Should you continue to desire this information, please resubmit your request after execution of the agreement.

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### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request Form

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Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested): All responses to RFP #18-004, except for those documents exempt from disclosure under South Carolina law.

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Public Records Requested (Description of Documents or Information Requested):  
1. Evaluation documents for RFP#18-014 utilizing the criteria under section 6.0.4 of the RFP, for all bidders of the RFP

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