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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2026 10:20 AM
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Subject: FOIA Request [Ref: Hubert Kennedy]

Dear Public Records Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140) The Data Branch is hereby submitting a public records request for vendor procurement records.

Scope of Request:
We are requesting all executed contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and related procurement documents for products or services purchased from any of the following vendors or their authorized resellers, for the period January 1, 2021, to the present:

All products from: Blackboard Inc, Finalsite, DMX, Funds for Learning, E-Rate Consulting, N-Able, Raptor Technologies, and/or CSM Consulting
We are seeking records that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and implementation fees.

Requested Records (if readily accessible):
Please include any of the following that your agency maintains:

- Executed contracts, master service agreements, or order forms
- Purchase orders relating to the requested documents
- RFP or solicitation documents, including vendor responses and evaluation materials
- Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements (e.g., Sourcewell, NASPO, OMNIA, or state contract vehicles)

Preferred Format & Delivery:
We understand recordkeeping systems vary across agencies. We are fully willing to receive:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records your office already maintains

Commercial Nature & Flexibility:
This request is for commercial research purposes. We are happy to comply with all applicable policies and procedures and are willing to narrow, clarify, or adjust the request to make fulfillment easier for your office.

Please send all records to my colleague Hubert Kennedy at the following:
Email: hubert.kennedy@thedatabranch.com
Phone: (302) 585-3132
Address: 1111B S Governors Ave STE 21033, Dover, DE 19904
If your reply does not keep recipients, please use this link instead: email Hubert Kennedy directly.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response. Please confirm receipt of this request and provide an estimated date for the delivery of the requested records.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

The Data Branch Research Team