



October 17, 2011

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File: CTZ-2011-00054

Sent via e-mail: pstewart@pstewart.com

Pam Stewart
706 Yates Street
PO Box 8293
Victoria BC V8W 3R9

Dear Pam Stewart:

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government (LCTZ). Your request is for:

"Regarding RFQ SATP-281 Professional Consulting Services, RFQ 11099-P5 Professional Services for IM/IT Initiatives, and RFQ PMCoE-RFQ-02 BC Government Wide Project Management Services: A list of all the suppliers on the Lists of Qualified Suppliers created through these RFP processes who have been awarded contracts between December 1, 2010 and July 31, 2011, the ministries for which they were contracted to provide services, and the value of the contracts."

The Deputy Minister of LCTZ has denied your request for a fee waiver. Although your fee waiver submission was taken into consideration, we are not convinced that all of the records that would need to be searched to complete your request relate to a matter of public interest.

Under the Act, it is the **records** that must relate to a matter of public interest, not whether or not a particular **issue** is of public interest. We anticipate that the majority of the records that would need to be searched in response to your request would not relate to a matter of public interest.

Section 75(1) of the Act provides that we may charge a fee for certain limited costs of processing your request. The cost of the first three hours to search for records and any time spent reviewing and/or severing information from the records is not charged to you.

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We have determined there is a fee for processing your request. The fee is estimated to be \$495.00. We have calculated the amount as follows:

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| 1 pages (electronically) = | \$0.00 |
| 16 hrs. to locate and retrieve records @ \$30.00/ hr. = | \$480.00 |
| 3 hrs. free to locate and retrieve records @ \$30.00/hr. = | (\$90.00) |
| 3.5 hrs. to prepare the records for disclosure @ \$30.00/hr. = | \$105.00 |
| Shipping = | \$0.00 |
| Total = | \$495.00 |

Due to the amount of the estimate, we will require a deposit of \$247.50. Please send a cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance, referencing the file # above, to the following address:


Information Access Operations
 Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government
 PO Box 9569 Stn Prov Govt
 Victoria BC V8W 9K1
 Attn: Mark Sime

Upon receipt of a deposit, we will proceed with your request. All reasonable efforts have been made to generate an accurate estimate. However, you will be required to pay the actual cost whether it is higher or lower than the estimate. If it appears that the final cost of processing the request will be higher than the original fee estimate, we may issue a revised estimate.

If after exploring the options outlined above regarding fees, or if for any other reason you are unsatisfied with the Ministry's response, you have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to investigate the matter (see enclosure). If you do not respond to this letter within 20 business days, by November 15, 2011, we will consider your request abandoned.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact, Mark Sime the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-3411. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-3411.

Sincerely,


 For Cindy Elbahir, Manager
 Central Agency Team
 Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.