

RE: Sunshine Request for Houck Field Renovation

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Fri 9/8/2023 5:41 PM

To:Hanson, Monica <mrhanson1s@semo.edu>

Cc:Renner, Christie Anne <crenner@semo.edu>

 1 attachments (198 KB)

Houck Bids.pdf;

Monica,

In follow-up to my initial response below, this correspondence will serve to provide you a final reply to your request. In preparing this response, I have broken down your original correspondence/request into three separate requests. My response to each is in red.

1. "I request that you make available to me the bid(s) pertaining to the Houck Field renovation..."
Documents responsive to this request, showing the bids pertaining to the Houck Field renovation, are attached.
2. "...as well as a clear indication of the bid selected for the project, if relevant." **The contract for demolition was awarded to Fager McGee. The contract for architectural, MEP/FP, structural and underslab utilities was awarded to Fager McGee. Both are noted by the blue highlighting in the documents provided in response to No. 1 above.**
3. "Additionally, I ask for the current and expected expenditures in relation to the project, if available." **As you will see from the documents provided in response to No. 1 above, expected expenditures exceed \$16 million.**

Lastly, I would like to take the liberty to respond to a comment in your request that states "The information I obtain through this request will be used to identify how student tuition fees are allocated for projects throughout SEMO, granting public insight into how their money is spent." While it would not be appropriate for me to assume why, or how, individuals intend to use the information made the subject of their requests; it is my responsibility to make sure that they understand the information we provide them. To form a conclusion on "how student tuition fees are allocated for projects" based on one project would not be responsible. First, there is a distinction between tuition revenue that supports educational and general (E&G) expenses, and student/general fees, which are assessed per credit hour to provide funding for student initiatives and services through Student Government. Some examples of services to students include, but are not limited to, access to open computer labs, recreation center, sporting events, etc. Your request uses the words "student tuition fees" so it is not clear if you are comingling the various sources of revenue or if you are approaching this with different thoughts and understandings in mind. Some additional information on fees at SEMO can be found online at the Student Financial Services webpage if you are interested. Second, it has widely been reported in other media that the Houck field renovation is being paid for by multiple sources: (1) University reserves; (2) funds from the Southeast Missouri University Foundation; and (3) other public and private sources. Therefore, whatever your intent is with regard to gaining access to this information, I hope the context and additional information provided is helpful.

If you have any questions about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that with delivery of this final reply to you, we will mark this request as closed and complete in our files.

Regards,

Chris



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From: Martin, Christopher Ralph
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 8:40 AM
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Subject: RE: Sunshine Request for Houck Field Renovation

Monica,

This will serve to confirm receipt of your August 8, 2023 Sunshine Request below. Your email states it was sent on August 1, however, the date/time stamp below very clearly states it was sent August 8. If you sent it via different means, please let me know. Regardless, this will serve to provide you an initial response.

Please note, additional time is needed to more fully respond. Specifically, your request has multiple components that I will need to review and ascertain what, if any, responsive material may be available. Additionally, any responsive material that may exist will require me to coordinate with several other offices and departments at the University, which will take time. To that end, I will provide electronic access to any responsive material on or before September 8, 2023. However, due to the nature of this request, this access date may need to be extended. If that is the case, I will contact you again.

Regards,

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From: Hanson, Monica <mrhanson1s@semo.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2023 8:00 AM
To: Martin, Christopher Ralph <cmartin@semo.edu>
Subject: Sunshine Request for Houck Field Renovation

Chris,

This is a request for public records under the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610, Revised Statutes of Missouri, sent on August 1st, 2023.

I request that you make available to me the bid(s) pertaining to the Houck Field renovation, as well as a clear indication of the bid selected for the project, if relevant. Additionally, I ask for the current and expected expenditures in relation to the project, if available.

I request that all fees for locating and copying the records be waived. The information I obtain through this request will be used to identify how student tuition fees are allocated for projects throughout SEMO, granting public insight into how their money is spent.

If a fee waiver is not granted, please let me know in advance of any search or copying if the fees will exceed \$20.

If portions of the requested records are closed or exempt, please segregate the closed/exempt portions and provide me with the rest of the records.

If you have any other questions about the terms of my request, please feel free to contact me.

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