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Barry Kade



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**Re: Appeal of public records request denial #24661**

Dear Mr. Kade:

I have received your appeal of the Department of Corrections' response to your public records request seeking copies of any records in the Vermont Department of Corrections ("VTDOC") possession that include the names of the bidders for out of state housing of Vermont inmates, and any that include the facilities proposed by those bidders.

You state in your appeal that you fail to see how the names of the bidder(s) can be considered records that "relate specifically to negotiation when negotiations have not begun. I believe that there are circumstances where having the bidder(s) names revealed could be detrimental to the negotiation process. However, in further researching this issue I have determined that the state prescribes to a free and open bidding process and to this end the names of the entities that have submitted bids to house inmates out of state and the facilities they are offering are as follows;

- CoreCivic of Nashville Tennessee (Tallahatchie County Correction Facility)
- Central Falls Detention Facility Corporation of Central Falls Rhode Island (Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility)

This should satisfy your request.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Menard  
Commissioner

