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Dear Ms. Burnett:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 646156 (OGC# 172799).

The University of Texas System (the "system") received a request for information pertaining to specified insurance coverage. You state the system has released some information. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.139 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the submitted information consists of a contract for the purchase of services from a private vendor that is subject to the posting requirements in section 2261.253 of the Government Code. Section 2261.253(a) provides, in relevant part, as follows:

(a) For each contract for the purchase of goods or services from a private vendor, each state agency shall post on its Internet website:

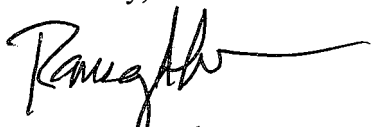
(1) each contract the agency enters into, including contracts entered into without inviting, advertising for, or otherwise requiring competitive bidding before selection of the contractor, until the contract expires or is completed[.]

Gov't Code § 2261.253(a)(1). The contract at issue is valued at more than \$15,000, is between the system, which is a state agency, and a private vendor for the purchase of services, and the contract is not expired or completed. *See id.* §§ 2261.002(2) ("state agency" has meaning assigned by Gov't Code § 2151.002), 2151.002(3) ("state agency" includes university system or institution of higher education as defined by Educ. Code § 61.003). Accordingly, the contract at issue is required to be posted on the system's internet website. Although you seek to withhold the submitted information under section 552.139 of the Government Code, the exceptions to disclosure found in the Act do not generally apply to information that other statutes make public. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 623 at 3 (1994), 525 at 3 (1989). Accordingly, the system must release the submitted information in its entirety.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

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(w/o enclosures)