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Mr. Jonathan Ellzey
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OR2017-07988

Dear Mr. Ellzey:

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# 657989 (ORR.1178).


Wichita County (the "county") received a request for a specified contract. The county does not take a position as to whether the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under the Act. However, the county states, and provides documentation showing, it notified Global Tel*Link Corporation ("GTL") of the county's receipt of the request for information and of GTL's right to submit arguments to this office as to why the requested information should not be released. *See Gov't Code § 552.305(d); see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 at 3 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). We have reviewed the submitted information.

The requested information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2017-03396 (2017). In Open Records Letter No. 2017-03396, we determined the county must release the requested information. We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, the county must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2017-03396 as a previous determination and release the requested information in accordance with that ruling.

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, 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

c: Requestor
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Third Party
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