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Dear Ms. Hough:

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# 673242 (NTTA File Nos. 2017-01586, 2017-01614, 2017-01669, & 2017-01681).

The North Texas Tollway Authority (the "authority") received four requests for information pertaining to vendors currently providing specified services to the authority. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state its release may implicate the proprietary interests of Bridgework Partners, LLC; KL Glaspy Group, LLC; Pridestaff, Inc.; and Randstad North America, LLC ("Randstad"). Accordingly, you state you notified these third parties of the request for information and their right to submit arguments to this office. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (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 received comments from Randstad. We have considered the submitted arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

We note the submitted information was the subject of previous requests for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2017-14240 (2017) and 2017-17612 (2017). In Open Records Letter No. 2017-14240, we determined (1) the authority must withhold the insurance policy numbers in the information at issue under section 552.136 of the Government Code and (2) the authority must release the remaining information, but may only release any copyrighted information in accordance with copyright law. In Open Records Letter No. 2017-17612, we determined (1) the authority must continue to rely on Open Records Letter No. 2017-14240 as a previous determination and withhold or release the identical information not pertaining to Randstad in accordance with that ruling and (2) the authority must release the remaining information; however, any information protected by copyright may only be released in accordance with copyright law. We have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have changed. Accordingly, the authority must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2017-14240 and 2017-17612 as previous determinations and withhold or release the identical information in accordance with those rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure). As we are able to make this determination, we need not address the arguments against disclosure of the information at issue.

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

c: 4 Requestor  
(w/o enclosures)

4 Third Parties  
(w/o enclosures)