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OR2018-00329

Dear Ms. Godden:

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# 690374 (ID# LJISD-099).

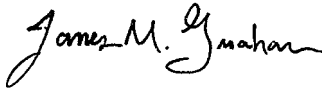
The La Joya Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for specified bid tabulations. The district claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.104 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the district claims and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.104(a) of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information that, if released, would give advantage to a competitor or bidder." Gov't Code § 552.104(a). The "test under section 552.104 is whether knowing another bidder's [or competitor's information] would be an advantage, not whether it would be a decisive advantage." *Boeing Co. v. Paxton*, 466 S.W.3d 831 (Tex. 2015). The district represents the information at issue pertains to a recurring, competitive bidding situation. The district explains it is currently in the bidding process for the information at issue. The district asserts release of the submitted information would provide a competitive advantage to bidders in the current and future bids. After review of the information at issue and consideration of the arguments, we find the district has established the release of the information would give advantage to a competitor or bidder. Accordingly, we conclude the district may withhold the submitted information under section 552.104(a) of the Government Code.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Graham".

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