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Dear Mr. Guerrero:

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# 850402 (PIA Request 2-8-24-20).

The Houston-Galveston Area Council (the "council") received a request for information related to individuals receiving unemployment benefits or seeking employment. You claim the requested information is not subject to the Act. Alternatively, you claim the requested information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered your arguments.

You state, and we agree, the requested information consists of unemployment compensation information and job matching services information. Section 301.085 of the Labor Code provides in part that "[u]nemployment compensation information and job matching services information are not public information for purposes of [the Act]." Labor Code § 301.085(c). Accordingly, we find the requested information is not subject to the Act. Therefore, this ruling does not address the public availability of the requested information, and it need not be released in response to this request for information. As we are able to make this determination, we do not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of the requested information.

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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

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c: Requestor