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Ms. Lauren Downey
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OR2022-31476

Dear Ms. Downey:

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# 978129 (PIR No. R013384).

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") received a request for all contracts with two named entities during a stated time period. The OAG states it will release the majority of the requested information to the requestor. The OAG claims the remaining requested information is subject to previous determinations issued by our office. We have considered the submitted argument.

You inform us the requested information was the subject of previous requests for information, as a result of which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-25523 (2022) and 2022-15880 (2022). In Open Records Letter No. 2022-25523, we determined the OAG may withhold the information it marked pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 192.3(e), may withhold the information it marked under Texas Rule of Evidence 503, and must release the remaining information. In Open Records Letter No. 2022-15880, we determined the OAG may withhold the identifying information it marked pursuant to rule 192.3(e) and must release the remaining information. We have no indication there has been any change in the law, facts, or circumstances on which the previous rulings were based. Accordingly, the OAG may rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2022-25523 and 2022-15880 as previous determinations and withhold and release the information at issue 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 prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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