

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

FOR THE GOOD OF ILLINOIS, INC.,)
an Illinois not-for-profit corporation,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, OFFICE OF)
COMPTROLLER,)
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and)
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JUDY BAAR TOPINKA, in her)
official capacity as State of Illinois)
Comptroller,)
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Defendants.)

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CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
JANUARY 4 2013

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Plaintiff, FOR THE GOOD OF ILLINOIS, INC. (“FGI”), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, by its attorneys, for its Complaint against the STATE OF ILLINOIS, OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND JUDY BAAR TOPINKA, in her official capacity as Comptroller of the State of Illinois (collectively, the “Comptroller”), alleges as follows:

I. Nature of the Case

1. FGI files this Complaint pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act , 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, (“FOIA” or the “Act”), in relation to a FOIA request it made to the Comptroller for certain records regarding payments made by the State of Illinois, with which request the Comptroller refused to comply in violation of the Act. Consequently, FGI seeks to enforce its rights under the Act, to compel production of the requested documents and for such other and further relief to which FGI is justly entitled.

II. Parties

4. FGI is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that resides in Cook County, Illinois.

5. FGI's purpose is to educate, engage and empower citizens to demand a transparent, accountable and limited government.

6. FGI operates the Open the Books Portal, www.openthebooks.com (the "Open the Books Portal"), a searchable website open to the public which contains records from public bodies.

7. The Comptroller of the State of Illinois is a "public body" as that term is defined by 5 ILCS 140/2(a).

8. Judy Baar Topinka, is the Comptroller of the State of Illinois and the "head of the public body" as that term is defined by 5 ILCS 140/2(e).

III. Jurisdiction and Venue

8. This Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted in this Complaint pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11(a), because FGI is a person denied access to inspect or copy a public record by a public body, because in this capacity FGI is entitled to file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11(a)(d) and because this Court accordingly has jurisdiction to enjoin the public body from withholding public records and to order the production of any public records improperly withheld from the person seeking access.

9. Venue is proper in Cook county pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/11(b) because FGI is a resident of Cook County.

IV. Background Facts

10. On April 17, 2012, FGI sent a FOIA request to the Comptroller (the "FOIA Request").

11. A true and correct copy the FOIA Request is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

12. The FOIA Request sought production of the following records:

- a. a list of the vendors pf the State of Illinois by name in 2011;
- b. a list of the payments made by the State of Illinois in 2011 to each such vendor; and
- c. a copy of the 2011 Checkbook, including the Date, Payee and Amount.

The items identified in subparagraphs a. through c. are hereinafter referred to as the "Requested Records".

4. The Public has an interest in the Requested Records.

5. Pursuant to the Act, the Comptroller was required to respond to the FOIA Request within five (5) business days days. *See* 5 ILCS 140/3(d) (2010).

6. On April 25, 2012, the Comptroller responded to the FOIA Request (the "First Response").

7. A true and correct copy of the First Response is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

8. The First Response states:

Our office is denying your FOIA request, dated 4/17/12, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g) as compliance with your request would be unduly burdensome. In order for our Office to comply with your request, it will require extremely time-consuming efforts from our staff. The requested records would number in the millions. The review, redaction, and arrangement of all 2011 vendor payments would take multiple staff members, dedicated solely to this request, more than three days to complete.

9. On April 28, 2012, FGI submitted a request to the Attorney General's Public Access Counsellor (the "AG/PAC") asking it to review the First Response (the "Request for Review").

10. A true and correct copy the Request for Review is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

11. On or about May 22, 2012, the AG/PAC sent correspondence to the Comptroller (the "Review Notice").

12. A true and correct copy the Review Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

13. In the Review Notice, the AG/PAC instructed the Comptroller pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/9.5(c) to provide the following information within seven days:

- a. to explain how the Comptroller maintains the data that FGI seeks in the FOIA Request;
- b. to clarify the format in which the data is maintained; and
- c. to discuss whether the data could be produced in alternate format via use of a computer program or some other means.

13. On July 3, 2012, FGI sent an email to the AG/PAC (the "Request for Status").

14. A true and correct copy the Request for Status is attached hereto as **Exhibit 5**.

15. In the Request for Status, FGI requested that the AG/PAC provide a status report on the Request for Review.

16. On July 11, 2012, the AG/PAC responded to the Request for Status (the "July 11 Response").

17. A true and correct copy of the July 11 Response is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6**.

18. In the July 11 Response, the AG/PAC stated “The Office of the Attorney General’s Public Access Bureau has received the attached response to your Request for Review from the Office of the Comptroller (Office).”

19. A letter dated June 4, 2012 from the Comptroller to the AG/PAC was attached to the July 11, 2012 Response (the “June 4 Letter”).

20. A true and correct copy the June 4 Letter is attached hereto Exhibit 7.

21. In the June 4 Letter the Comptroller did not agree to provide the Requested Records.

22. The June 4 Letter describes efforts by the Comptroller to set up a public website for certain data.

23. The Comptroller’s reference in the June 4 Letter to a website that is purportedly under development fails to comply with FOIA and does not supply the Requested Records sought in the FOIA Request.

24. The FOIA Request seeks the Comptroller’s actual records.

25. The June 4 Letter does not clarify the format in which the data is maintained, and does not “discuss whether the data could be produced in alternate format via use of a computer program or some other means,” as the AG/PAC directed.

26. The June 4 Letter claims that responding to the FOIA Request would require a tremendous amount of labor to obtain the information and that there would be considerable staff time required to examine the data to ensure sensitive confidential information was not included pursuant to various state statutes (the “Purported Effort”).

27. The June 4 Letter does not specifically state that responding to the FOIA Request would be unduly burdensome.

28. FGI responded to the June 4 Letter in a letter dated July 19, 2012 (the "July 19 Letter").

29. A true and correct copy the July 19 Letter is attached hereto **Exhibit 8**.

30. In the July 19 Letter, FGI offered to further discuss its FOIA Request with the Comptroller.

31. In a telephone conversation in August, 2012, the AG/PAC told FGI that it was "impossible" for the Comptroller to comply with the FOIA Request (the "AG/PAC Assertion").

32. On information and belief, the AG/PAC Assertion is incorrect and baseless.

33. FGI has not received any further communication from the AG/PAC and/or the Comptroller subsequent to the AG/PAC Assertion.

34. On information and belief, the Purported Effort is incorrect and baseless because, among other things, the Requested Records must be provided annually to the General Auditor of the State of Illinois.

35. On information and belief, the Purported Effort is incorrect and baseless because, the Comptroller operates a website, <http://ledger.illinoiscomptroller.com> which is based in part on the same data requested in the FOIA Request.

36. On April 6, 2012, FGI sent a FOIA request to the Comptroller requesting information regarding the labor and costs expended in creating The Ledger website (the "Ledger FOIA Request").

37. A true and correct copy the Ledger FOIA Request is attached hereto as **Exhibit 9**.

38. On April 9, 2012, the Comptroller responded to the Ledger FOIA Request (the "Ledger FOIA Response").

39. A true and correct copy the Ledger FOIA Response is attached hereto as **Exhibit 10**.

40. The Ledger FOIA Response states that “[t]he Ledger project was completed internally with already existing resources.”

41. On information and belief, it would not be burdensome for the Comptroller to produce the data it has already compiled for the Ledger website.

42. On information and belief, it would not be burdensome for the Comptroller to produce any additional data, beyond the data it has already compiled for the Ledger website, to comply with the FOIA Request.

43. On information and belief, the Purported Effort is incorrect and baseless because FGI has obtained similar records for its Open the Books Portal from numerous public bodies other than the Comptroller (the “Producing Public Bodies”).

44. A list of the Producing Public Bodies is attached hereto as **Exhibit 11**.

45. The Producing Public Bodies include:

- a. the United States Government, which produced responsive documents for the years 2000-2011;
- b. the City of Chicago, which produced its responsive documents for the years 2002-2011;
- c. 36 Illinois colleges and universities, which produced responsive documents for the years 2004-2011; and
- d. 944 Illinois local school districts, which produced responsive documents for the years 2006-2011.

46. None of the Producing Public Bodies:

- a. objected to FGI's FOIA request;
- b. claimed that FGI's FOIA request was unduly burdensome, or:
- c. failed to produce its records in response to FGI's FOIA request.

COUNT I
CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER THE ACT

47. FGI incorporates by reference the averments in all prior paragraphs of this Complaint as if they were fully set forth herein.

48. The Requested Records are not subject to any exemption recognized by the Act, including without limitation the exemptions delineated within Section 3(g) of the Act.

49. The Comptroller failed to show by clear and convincing evidence that the FOIA Request is unduly burdensome.

50. The Comptroller has failed to show that any burden from responding to the FOIA Request outweighs the public interest in disclosing these records.

51. FGI has been damaged by the Comptroller's failure to comply with the FOIA Request, including but not limited to by being deprived access to the Requested Records and by incurring costs, expenses and attorneys' fees to enforce its rights under the Act.

52. The Comptroller is required to produce the Requested Records.


53. FGI is entitled to recover all costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees in enforcing its rights under the Act pursuant to Section 11(i) of the Act.

WHEREFORE, FGI requests that this Honorable Court enter judgment in its favor and against STATE OF ILLINOIS, OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER AND JUDY BAAR TOPINKA, in her official capacity as Comptroller of the State of Illinois as follows:

- A. Declare that the Comptroller violated the Act;
- B. Enjoin the Comptroller from withholding the Requested Records;
- C. Order the Comptroller to produce the Requested Records without further delay;
- D. Order the Comptroller to provide an affidavit certifying that it has fully and completely complied with the FOIA Request;
- E. Order the Comptroller to provide an affidavit identifying with specificity any documents responsive to the FOIA Request that the Comptroller claims are exempt from disclosure, stating the Comptroller's claimed reason for any such exemption;
- F. Award FGI all costs, expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees in prosecuting this action; and
- G. Award FGI such other and further relief as the Court finds just and reasonable.

Dated: January 4, 2013

Respectfully submitted
FOR THE GOOD OF ILLINOIS, INC.

By: 

One of Its Attorneys

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EXHIBIT 1

Date: Tue, 17 Apr 2012 19:30:47 -0500 [04/17/2012 07:30:47 PM CDT]
From: For The Good of Illinois <craig@forthegoodofillinois.org>
To: FOIA@mail.loc.state.il.us
Cc: craig@forthegoodofillinois.org
Subject: FOIA Sent on - (04/17/2012)
Date: 04/17/2012

Dear FOIA Compliance Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., this is a request for a copy of the following record(s): I am requesting an electronic copy of the following items for the State of Illinois: If this data is only available on paper I'm requesting it to be scanned and emailed.

1) 2011 Annual Vendor Name and Annual Payment for each Vendor Payment for the State of Illinois.

For example,

ComEd \$30,000
AT&T \$20,000

2) 2011 Checkbook which should include the Date, Payee and Amount

The principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public. A fee waiver is requested. The purpose of this is to make this information more accessible to the public and to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public, and not principally for personal or commercial benefit (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=000501400K6>). I am requesting a waiver of fees. If there is a charge for this service please obtain my approval in writing prior to proceeding with request.

All documents can be e-mailed to Craig@ForTheGoodofIllinois.org. If any documents are not provided in the format specified, please provide the State or Federal statutes relied upon for that decision. If any record or portion of a record responsive to this request is contained in a record or portion of a record deemed unresponsive to the request, I would like to inspect the entire document. Under the Freedom of Information Act, all non-exempt portions of any partially-exempt documents must be disclosed. If any records or portions of records are withheld, please state the exemption on which you rely, the basis on which the exemption is invoked, the name of the individual responsible for the decision.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of my request. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please e-mail me at Craig@ForTheGoodofIllinois.org.

Sincerely,
Mr. Craig Mijares

EXHIBIT 2



STATE OF ILLINOIS • OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
JUDY BAAR TOPINKA

April 25, 2012

Mr. Craig Mijares
For the Good of Illinois
1042 Meryls Terrace
Palatine, Illinois 60074

Dear Mr. Mijares:

Our Office is denying your FOIA request, dated 4/17/12, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/3(g) as compliance with your request would be unduly burdensome. In order for our Office to comply with your request, it will require extremely time-consuming efforts from our staff. The requested records would number in the millions. The review, redaction, and arrangement of all 2011 vendor payments would take multiple staff members, dedicated solely to this request, more than three days to complete.

You have the right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Attorney General, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd St.
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: (217) 782-1396
Email: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek a judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court, 5 ILCS 140/11.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Osgood
Legal Assistant

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100 WEST SECOND STREET, 3RD FLOOR
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STATE CAPITOL
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217-782-6000

LAND OF LINCOLN BUILDING
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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62704-1511
217-782-6800

EXHIBIT 3

----- Forwarded message from craig@forthegoodofillinois.org -----
Date: Sat, 28 Apr 2012 14:17:28 -0500
From: For The Good of Illinois <craig@forthegoodofillinois.org>
Subject: FOIA - REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR (PAC)
- Sent (04/28/2012)
To: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us
Cc: craig@forthegoodofillinois.org

I have attached a request for review by the Public Access Counselor for a FOIA which has been denied by the State of Illinois - Office of the Comptroller.

The following documents have been submitted: 1) Original FOIA request
2) request of review document 3) State of Illinois - Office of the Comptroller denial letter.

Please confirm receipt of this review request for our records.

Thanks,
Mr. Craig Mijares

FOIA – REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR (PAC)

*****Note to Requester: You must file a Request for Review within 60 days of the date on which the public body denied your FOIA request. If your FOIA request was denied more than 60 days ago, the PAC will not accept your Request for Review.*****

Name of Requester: **Craig Mijares**

Requester's Contact Information

Address: **1942 N Meryls Terrace Palatine, IL 60074**

Telephone Number: **224-578-1180** E-mail Address (optional): **Craig@ForTheGoodofIllinois.org**

I hereby submit this request for the Public Access Counselor to review the denial of my FOIA request.

Date on Which the Public Body Denied the FOIA Request: **April 25, 2012**

Name of the Public Body: **State of Illinois – Office of the Comptroller**

Attach the following documents:

Copy of FOIA Request. *****Note: The Public Access Counselor will NOT accept this Request for Review unless a copy of the FOIA Request denied by the public body is attached.*****

AND

Any response from the Public Body. *****Note: In order to facilitate the Public Access Counselor's review of this issue, please provide a copy of the public body's complete response to the FOIA request. This may include documents or correspondence from the public body, as well as a written summary of any oral communications.*****

OR

The Public Body never responded.

Signature of Requester:

EXHIBIT 4



OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 22, 2012

Mr. Robert Osgood
Legal Assistant
Office of the Comptroller
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 15-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601-3252

RE: FOIA Request for Review – 2012 PAC 19515

Dear Mr. Osgood:

The Public Access Bureau has received the enclosed Request for Review from Mr. Craig Mijares pursuant to section 9.5(a) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/9.5) (West 2010), as amended by Public Act 97-579, effective August 26, 2011. Mr. Mijares' Request for Review involves an April 17, 2012, FOIA request that he submitted to the Office of the Comptroller (Office) for the "2011 Annual Vendor Name and Annual Payment for each Vendor Payment for the State of Illinois" and the "2011 Checkbook which should include the Date, Payee and Amount". In April 25, 2012, correspondence, the Office denied Mr. Mijares' request in its entirety pursuant to section 3(g) of FOIA. The Office asserted that the records involved "number in the millions" and that the "review, redaction, and arrangement of all 2011 vendor payments would take multiple staff members, dedicated solely to this request, more than three days to complete."

We have determined that further inquiry is warranted with regard to this matter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(c) (West 2010). In a telephone conversation on May 22, 2012, Mr. Mijares confirmed that the Office did extend to him an opportunity to narrow his FOIA request pursuant to section 3(g). Please send us a copy of that correspondence. Additionally, in the form of a written response, please explain how the Office maintains the data that Mr. Mijares is seeking. Your response should clarify the format in which the data is maintained and discuss whether the data could be produced in an alternate format via use of a computer program or some other means. As required under FOIA, please provide this information to our office within seven (7) working days after receipt of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(c) (West 2010). As we review this matter, we will advise you if we require additional information. If you believe that other documents or information would help us as we review this issue, you may submit additional records or affidavits with the requested information.

Mr. Robert Osgood

May 22, 2012

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Please note that under FOIA, we are required to forward a copy of any response from a public body to the requester and provide the requester with an opportunity to reply (5 ILCS 140/9.5(d) (West 2010)). FOIA provides, however, that "[t]o the extent that records or documents produced by a public body contain information that is claimed to be exempt from disclosure under Section 7 of [the] Act, the Public Access Counselor shall not further disclose that information." 5 ILCS 140/9.5(c) (West 2010). FOIA also requires that we redact "any alleged confidential information to which the request pertains" when providing a copy of your written response to the requester (5 ILCS 140/9.5(d) (West 2010)). If your response contains information or documents you believe are confidential, you must clearly identify that specific information in your response.

Should you have further questions, you may contact me at (312) 793-0865.

Very truly yours,



SARA GABOLA GALLAGHER

Assistant Attorney General

Public Access Bureau

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Craig Mijares
craig@forthegoodofillinois.org

EXHIBIT 5

-----Original Message-----

From: For The Good of Illinois [mailto:craig@forthegoodofillinois.org]

Sent: Tuesday, July 03, 2012 8:22 PM

To: Access, Public

Cc: craig@forthegoodofillinois.org

Subject: Re: FOIA - REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY PUBLIC ACCESS COUNSELOR
(PAC) - Sent (04/28/2012)

Can I have a status on this request for review.

Thanks,

EXHIBIT 6

----- Forwarded message from SGallagher@atg.state.il.us -----
Date: Wed, 11 Jul 2012 08:34:04 -0500
From: "Gallagher, Sara Gadola" <SGallagher@atg.state.il.us>
Subject: 2012 PAC 19515 - Request for Review/Office of the Comptroller
To: "craig@forthegoodofillinois.org"
<craig@forthegoodofillinois.org>

Mr. Mijares,

The Office of the Attorney General's Public Access Bureau has received the attached response to your Request for Review from the Office of the Comptroller (Office).

You may, but are not required to, reply in writing to the Office's attached response. If you choose to reply, you must submit your reply to this office within seven (7) business days of your receipt of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(d) (West 2010). Please send a copy of your reply to the Office as well.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Sara Gadola Gallagher
Assistant Attorney General
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sgallagher@atg.state.il.us

EXHIBIT 7



STATE OF ILLINOIS • OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
JUDY BAAR TOPINKA

June 4, 2012

Ms. Sara Gadola Gallagher
Assistant Attorney General
Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

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Public Access
Counselor

RE: FOIA Request for Review 2012 PAC 19515

Dear Ms. Gadola Gallagher:

I am writing in response to your correspondence dated May 22, 2012, received by the Office of the Comptroller on May 23, 2012. You requested a copy of the correspondence in which we extended Mr. Mijares the opportunity to narrow his FOIA request and an explanation of how our office maintained the data that Mr. Mijares is seeking including clarification of the format in which the data is maintained and a discussion of whether the data can be produced in an alternate format via use of a computer program or some other means.

Comptroller Topinka took office in January, 2011. At the time she assumed office, the system used by the office to process payments known as the Statewide Accounting Management System (or SAMS for short) had been in place since 1996. This mainframe based system contains voluminous data which presents difficulty in extracting. As a result of Comptroller Topinka's commitment to openness and transparency in state government finances, her staff developed the "Ledger" system hosted on the Comptroller's website. Phase 1 was completed on April 17th, the same day the FOIA request was received.

Prior to the announcement of completion of phase 1 of the Ledger, an outline was created for the second phase which is projected to be completed in June and will include annual vendor names and payments in one central location. This will occur, however, only after extensive planning and hundreds of hours by the IOC staff. Additionally, Mr. Mijares and the public in general currently have the ability to examine expenditures by individual vendor on the current website and thus access the data requested. The new Ledger site will make this information more user friendly.

In addition to the tremendous amount of labor required to obtain the information, considerable staff time would also be required to examine the data to ensure sensitive confidential information was not included pursuant to various state statutes.

The correspondence in which we extended the offer to Mr. Mijares to narrow his FOIA request is enclosed. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I can arrange for you to discuss the matter with Assistant Comptroller Markus Veile who oversees our IT Division and has a much greater understanding of the technical aspects in connection with Mr. Mijares' request.

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100 WEST RANDOLPH, SUITE 15-500
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60601-3252
312/814-2451

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217/782-6000

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217/782-6084

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alissa Camp', with a stylized flourish at the end.

ALISSA CAMP
Chief Legal Counsel
201 State Capitol
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)782-0905

EXHIBIT 8

July 19th, 2012

Ms. Sara Gadola Gallagher
Assistant Attorney General
Public Access Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: FOIA Request for Review 2012 PAC 19515

Dear Ms. Gadola Gallagher:

I am writing to respond to the issues raised by the Comptroller's Office in their June 4th 2012 letter regarding FOIA Request for Review 2012 PAC 19515.

Their office is denying our FOIA request based upon 5 ILCS 140 3(g), arguing that the request is "unduly burdensome." We believe their reasons given in both their 4/25/2012 and 6/4/2012 correspondence to be wholly unpersuasive. Denial of our request would undermine the entire purpose of Illinois' FOI Act.

For the Good of Illinois accommodated the Comptroller's concerns, and narrowed its request from 3 years down to 1 year, despite the fact that the Comptroller's own site (The Ledger) holds "vendor" data from 2008 through 2013. This indicates that the "unduly burdensome" work alluded to in their correspondence has already been at least partially, if not fully, completed by their office.

Furthermore, the Comptroller's 6/4/2012 correspondence does not constitute proof that fulfilling our request meets the threshold of being burdensome under 140/3(g). It merely provides a lengthy review of the condition of the office's data, and the process by which they are compiling it for their "Ledger" site.

5 ILCS 140/1.2 indicates that the burden of proof lies with the Comptroller's office, and we believe that they have not overcome that burden. In effect, they are arguing that their processes and the difficulties of dealing with legacy systems obviates their responsibility to turn over public information under the Illinois' FOIA. The purpose of FOIA is to afford citizens and organizations the opportunity to check on the accuracy and sufficiency of public data. To allow an agency to merely argue that they are in the process of creating their own site, and that they are therefore exempt from producing data they themselves are in the process of compiling, would nullify FOIA in Illinois.

**Ms. Gadola Gallagher
Assistant Attorney General
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In our research of the law, we do not see any precedent that would allow the Comptroller's office to prevail in court, should this matter proceed to that level. For the reasons set forth in this communication, we believe that the data we requested should be produced by the Comptroller.

For the Good of Illinois appreciates the Comptroller's goal of increasing transparency. We have publicly praised these efforts on our website. We would be willing to discuss the optimal process by which we can attain these records, and would be appreciative of the PAC's assistance in achieving that goal.

Sincerely,

**Bruno Behrend
Executive Director
For the Good of Illinois
(847) 343-4250**

EXHIBIT 9

FROM: Tea Party Palatine [mailto:Coordinator@teapartypalatine.com]
SENT: Friday, April 06, 2012 1:04 PM
TO: FOIA@mail.ioc.state.il.us
CC: Craig@TeaPartyPalatine.com
SUBJECT: FOIA Sent on (04/06/2012)

DATE: 04/06/2012

Dear FOIA Compliance Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq., this is a request for a copy of the following record(s): **I AM REQUESTING AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE ANY AND ALL EXPENSES INCURRED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- ALL INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL EXPENSE DETAILS (DEVELOPMENT COSTS, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET, HOSTING, ENVIRONMENT, DATABASE, DISK SPACE AND HARDWARE COSTS INCURRED WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION
- ANY AND ALL EMPLOYEE TIMECARD RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION BROKEN DOWN BY EMPLOYEE AND SHOULD INCLUDE BILLABLE RATES
- ANY 3RD PARTY COSTS WITH DETAILED EXPENSE DETAILS INCURRED WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION
- ANY AND ALL CAPITAL EXPENSES INCURRED WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION
- ANY AND ALL MEETING NOTES KEPT WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION
- ANY AND ALL HARDWARE COSTS "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION
- ANY AND ALL MEETING, MILEAGE, MEALS OR HOTEL EXPENSES WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT
- ANY AND ALL DEPRECIATION ASSOCIATED WITH "THE LEDGER" APPLICATION

IF THIS DATA IS ONLY AVAILABLE ON PAPER I'M REQUESTING IT TO BE SCANNED AND EMAILED.

The principal purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public. A fee waiver is requested. The purpose of this is to make this information more accessible to the public and to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety and welfare or the legal rights of the general public, and not principally for personal or commercial benefit (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=000501400K6>). I am requesting a waiver of fees. If there is a charge for this service please obtain my approval in writing prior to proceeding with request.

All documents can be e-mailed to CRAIG@TEAPARTYPALATINE.COM. If any documents are not provided in the format specified, please provide the State or Federal statutes relied upon for that decision. If any record or portion of a record responsive to this request is contained in a record or portion of a record deemed unresponsive to the request, I would like to inspect the entire document. Under the Freedom of Information Act, all non-exempt portions of any partially-exempt documents must be disclosed. If any records or portions of records are withheld, please state the exemption on which you rely, the basis on which the exemption is invoked, the name of the individual responsible for the decision.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of my request. If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please e-mail me at CRAIG@TEAPARTYPALATINE.COM

Sincerely,
Mr. Craig Mijares

EXHIBIT 10



STATE OF ILLINOIS • OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
JUDY BAAR TOPINKA

April 9, 2012

Mr. Craig Mijares
Tea Party of Palatine
1942 Meylis Terrace
Palatine, Illinois 60074

Dear Mr. Mijares:

Regarding parts 4-4 and 6-8 of your request, the Comptroller's Office does not possess any responsive documents. The Ledger project was completed internally with already existing resources. In regard to part 5 of the request, notes concerning the development of the project are exempt under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(g) and (l), and as such we are denying this portion of your request.

You have the right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Attorney General, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 S. 2nd St.
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: (217) 782-1396
Email: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek a judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court, 5 ILCS 140/11.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Osgood
Legal Assistant

THOMAS R. THOMPSON CENTER
60 WEST HANCOCK ST. SUITE 1500
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62701-1457
(217) 782-2491

STATE CAPITOL
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62706-0001
(217) 782-6000

LAND OF LINCOLN BUILDING
125 WEST ANTON
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62702-4000
(217) 782-2000

EXHIBIT 11

Illinois School District Vendor Data – FGI has collected a total of 944 local school district vendor spending records from years 2006–2011:

A.e.r.o. Special Education Coop.
Abingdon Cusd #217
A-c Central Community Unit School District
Addison School District 4
Adlai E. Stevenson High School
Akin Com. Cons. School District #91
Albers Elementary School District #63
Alden-hebron C.c. S.d. 19
Allendale Community Consolidated #17
Allen-otter Creek C.c.s.d. No. 65
Alsip, Hzlgrn & Oak Lawn Dist 126
Altamont Cusd #10
Alton Cusd #11
Alwood Community Unit School District 225
Amboy School District #272
Anna Community Consolidated School District #37
Anna-jonesboro Community High School
Annawan Community Unit School District No 226
Antioch Community Consolidated District # 34
Aptakisic-tripp Ccsd 102
Arbor Park School District 145
Arcola Community Unit School District 306
Argenta-oreana Cusd#1
Argo Community High School District 217
Arlington Heights School District 25
Armstrong Twp. High School Dist. #225
Armstrong-ellis Consolidated School District #61
Arthur Community Unit District #305
Ashley Comm. Cons. School District #15
Astoria Community Unit Schools, District 1
Athens Community Unit School District 213
Atwood Heights School Dist. 125
Atwood-hammond Community Unit District #39
Auburn Cusd #10
Aurora West School District 129
Aviston Elementary School District 21
Avoca School District No. 37
Avon Community Unit Schools, District 176
Ball-chatham Community Unit School District 5
Bannockburn School District 106
Barrington Community Unit School District 220
Bartelso School Distirct #57
Bartonville Grade School Dist 66
Batavia Public School District #101

Beach Park C. C. School Dist. #3
Beardstown School District
Beck Area Career Center
Beecher City Community Unit District #20
Beecher Community Unit School District 200u
Behavior Disorder Program J.a.
Belle Valley School District #119
Belleville Area Spec Srv Coop
Belleville Public School District #118
Belleville Township High School District 201
Belvidere Cusd#100
Bement Cusd 5
Benjamin School District #25
Bensenville Elementary Sd2
Benton Community Consolidated School District #47
Benton Cons. High School Distr. #103
Berkley School District No. 87
Berwyn North Elementary District 98
Berwyn South School District 100
Bethalto Community Unit #8
Bethel Grade School District No. 82
Bi-county Special Education Coop
Big Hollow School District 38
Bismarck-henning Cusd #1
Black Hawk Area Seja #865
Bloom High School District 206
Bloomington School District 13
Bloomington Area Vocational Center
Bloomington Public Schools, Dist 87
Blue Ridge Cisd #18
Bluford Community Consolidated District No. 114
B-m-p Tri-county Special Education Cooperative
Board Of Education Of The City Of Peoria
Bond County C. U. S. D. #2
Boone County Special Education Cooperative
Bourbonnais Elementary School District No. 53
Braceville Elementary S D#75
Bradford Cusd #1
Bradley Elementary Schools
Bradley-bourbonnais Community High School
Breese Elementary District #12
Bremen
Brimfield Cusd No. 309
Brooklyn Unit School District No. 188
Brookwood School District 167
Brown County Comm Unit Sch Dist #1
Brownstown Community Unit School District 201

Brussels Community Unit School District No. 42
Buncombe Cons School Dist 43
Bunker Hill Community School District #8
Burbank School District # 111
Bureau County Coop Alt School Ja
Bureau Valley C.u.s.d. No. 340
Burnham School District #1541/2
Bushnell-prairie City Schools Cusd #170
Butler Elementary School District No 53
Byron Cusd #226
Cahokia Area Joint Agreement For Special Education
Cahokia Community Unit School District No. 187
Cairo School District No. One
Calhoun Community Unit School Dist. 40
Calumet City District #155
Calumet Public School District 132
Cambridge Cusd #227
Canton Union School District No. 66
Capital Area Career Center
Carbon Cliff - Barstow Sd #36
Carbondale Community High School District 165
Carbondale Elementary School District No. 95
Career Development System
Careertec Joint Agreement
Carlinville Comm. Unit School Dist. #1
Carlyle Community Unit School District No. 1
Carmi-white County Cusd #5
Carrier Mills-stonefort Cud #2
Carrollton Community Unit School District #1
Carthage E.s.d. #317
Cary Ccsd 26
Casey-westfield C-4
Cass School District #63
Catlin Community Unit School District # 5
Ccsd 93
Center Cass School District 66
Central City School District #133
Central Comm. Unit School Dist. 301
Central Community High School #71
Central Community School District #4
Central Cusd # 3
Central Il Vocational Education Coop
Central School District #104
Central School District 51
Central Stickney
Central Vermilion County Schools Coop
Centralia City Schools District #135

Centralia High School District 200
Century Community Unit School District #100
Chadwick-milledgeville Cusd No. 399
Champaign Community Unit School District No. 4
Chaney Monge School District #88
Channahon School District 17
Charleston Comm Unit Sch Dist 1
Cherry Grade School, District 92
Chester Community Unit School District No. 139
Chester Non-high District # 122
Chester-east Lincoln Ccsd #61
Chicago Heights School District 170
Chicago Ridge Publ S D 127 1/2
Christopher Unit School District #99
Cicero Public Schools No. 99
Cissna Park C.u.s.d. # 6
City Of Lake Forest School District 67
Clay City Cusd#10
Clay,jasper,richland And North Wayne
Clinton Cusd #15
Cobden Unit School District #17
Collinsville Area Vocational
Collinsville Cusd #10
Colona Grade School District 190
Columbia Comm. Unit School Dist. #4
Comm Cons School District 146
Community Consol School Dist 64
Community Consol School Distr #62
Community Consolidated School Dist 168
Community Consolidated School District #180
Community Consolidated School District #181
Community Consolidated School District #204
Community Consolidated School District 15
Community Consolidated School District 21
Community Consolidated School District 59
Community Consolidated School District 89
Community Consolidated School District No. 110
Community Consolidated Sd 46
Community High School District 117
Community High School District 128
Community High School District 218
Community High School District 94
Community High School District 99
Community High School District No. 155
Community School District #7
Community Unit School District #200
Community Unit School District #300

Community Unit School District #316
Community Unit School District #4
Community Unit School District #5
Community Unit School District #60
Community Unit School District 200
Community Unit School District 201
Community Unit School District 95
Community Unit School District No. 20
Consolidated High School District 230
Consolidated School District #158
Cook County School District No. 149
Cook County School District 101
Cook County School District 104
Cook County School District 130
Cook County School District 93
Cook County School District 95
Cooperative Association For Special Education
Cornell Community Consolidated Grade School District 426
Coulterville Cusd #1
Country Club Hills Dist 160
County Of Kankakee School District 258
County Of Winnebago School District No. 320
Cowden-herrick C.u.s.d. 3a
Crab Orchard Comm. Unit School Dist. #3
Crescent-iroquois Cusd 249
Creston Ccsd
Crete-monee Community Unit School District #201u
Creve Coeur School Dist. No. 76
Cumberland Community Unit School District
Cusd 3, Fulton County
Cypress Elem School District 64
Dakota Cusd # 201
Dallas Elementary School District #327
Dalzell Grade School District #98
Damiansville Elementary School District #62
Danville Community Consolidated S.d. #118
Darien Public Schools District #61
Decatur Area Technical Academy
Decatur Public School District #61
Deer Creek-mackinaw Cusd #701
Deer Park Ccsd #82
Deerfield Public Schools District 109
Dekalb Cusd #428
Delabar Cte System
Deland-weldon Cusd #57
Delavan Comm Unit School Dist 703
Depue Unit School District 103

Desoto Ccsd #86
Diamond Lake School District #76
Dieterich Comm Unit #30
Dimmick C.c School District
District 50 Schools
Dixon Unit School District #170
Dodds Community Consolidated School District #7
Dolton West Elementary School Dist. 148
Dongola Unit School District #66
Donovan Cusd #3
Downers Grove Grade School District #58
Dunlap Cusd No. 323
Dupage Area Occupational Ed.system
Dupage High School District 88
Dupo District 196
Duquoin Community Unit School District 300
Durand C.u.s.d. #322
Dwight Common School District #232
Dwight Township High School District #230
Eagle Ridge Vocational Delivery System
Earlville Community Unit School District #9
East Alton - Wood River Comm. High School District 14
East Alton Elementary School District No. 13
East Coloma School District 12
East Dubuque Unit School District No. 119
East Maine School District 63
East Moline Schools District #37
East Peoria Community High School
East Peoria Elem School District 86
East Prairie School District 73
East Richland Community Unit #1
East St. Louis School District 189
Eastern Il Area Special Education
Eastland Community Unit School District No. 308
Edgar County Cus District #6
Edinburg Community Unit School District #4
Education For Employment Sys #330
Edwards County Cusd #1
Edwardsville Cusd No. 7
Effingham Cusd No. 40
Egyptian Community Unit School District No. 5
Eisenhower Coop.
El Paso Gridley Cusd #11
Eldorado Community Unit School District #4
Elementary School District #102
Elementary School District 159
Elmhurst Community Unit Sd 205

Elmwood C.u.s.d. #322
Elmwood Park Community Unit School District 401
Elverado Comm. Unit School Dist #196
Elwood School #203
Emmons School District #33
Erie Community Unit School District #1
Eswood School District
Eureka Cusd #140
Evanston Township Hs Dist #202
Evanston/skokie School District #65
Evergreen Park C.h.s. Dist 231
Evergreen Park Elem. Dist #124
Ewing-northern Comm Cons Dist 115
Fairfield Community High School #225
Fairfield Public School District #112
Fairmont School District 89
Fairview School District 72
Farmington Central Cusd #265
Farrington Cccd#99
Federation Of Districts For Special Education
Fenton Cusd 100
Field Community Consolidated School District #3
Fieldcrest Cusd No. 6
Fisher Community Unit School District No. 1
Flanagan-cornell Unit District 74
Flora Community Unit School District #35
Flossmoor School District 161
Ford County Special Education Cooperative
Ford Heights School District 169
Forest Park School District No 91
Forest Ridge School District 142
Forrestville Valley School District #221
Four Rivers Special Education District #801
Fox Lake Grade School Dist. #114
Fox River Grove School District 3
Fox Valley Career Center
Frankfort Community Unit School District #168
Frankfort School District 157c
Franklin C.u.s.d. #1
Franklin Park School District 84
Franklin-jefferson Co. Spec. Ed. # 801
Freeburg C.c.s.d. #70
Freeburg Community High School
Freeport School District No. 145
Galatia C U S D No. 1
Galena Unit School District No. 120
Galesburg Area Vocational Center

Galesburg Community Unit School District #205
Gallatin County Unit District #7
Galva Comm Unit School Dist #224
Gardner Community Consolidated Grade School
Gardner-s Wilmington Sd #73
Gavin School District 37
Geff Community Consolidated Dist. 14
Gen. George S. Patton School Dist# 133
Geneseo Comm Unit School Dist #228
Geneva Cusd 304
Genoa-kingston C.u.s.d. No. 424
Georgetown Ridge Farm Community Unit 4
Germantown Hills School District #69
Germantown S.d. #60
Giant City School Dist. #130
Gibson City-melvin-sibley Cusd #5
Gifford Ccsd #188
Gillespie Cusd #7
Glen Ellyn School District 41
Glenbard Township H. S. Dist 87
Glencoe School District #35
Glenview Ccsd #34
Golf School District 67
Goreville Community Unit School District #1
Gower School District 62
Grand Ridge C.c.s.d. No. 95
Granite City Cusd#9
Grant Chs District 124
Grant Park Cusd 6
Grass Lake School District 36
Grayslake Community High School District # 127
Grayville Community Unit #1
Greenfield Community Unit School District 10
Greenview Cusd #200
Griggsville-perry Cusd #4
Grundy County Special Education Cooperative
Gurnee School District #56
Hall High School District No. 502
Hamilton C C School District #328
Hamilton Co. C.u.s.d.#10
Hampton Elementary School District # 29
Hardin County C.u.s.d. #1
Harlem School District #122
Harmony-emge School District #175
Harrisburg Community Unit School District #3
Harrison School District #36
Hartsburg-emden Cusd #21

Harvard Community School District 50
Harvey Public School District 152
Havana School Dist 126
Hawthorn C. C. School District 73
Hazel Crest School District 152.5
Henry-senachwine Community Unit Schools
Henry-stark Counties Special Education District 801
Heritage Community Unit School District No. 8
Herrin Community Unit School District No. 4
Herscher Community Unit School District No. 2
Heyworth Community Unit District No 4
Hiawatha Cusd #426
High Mount School District #116
Highland Comm. Unit School Dist. No. 5
Hillsboro Comm Unit School District 3
Hinckley-big Rock Cusd #429
Hinsdale Twp High School District 86
Hollis Consolidated School Dist No. 328
Homer Community Consolidated School District 33c
Homewood School District 153
Homewood-flossmoor High School District 233
Hononegah Community High School District # 207
Hoopeston Area Comm Unit School District #11
Hoover Schrum District #157
Hoyleton Consolidated School District 29
Hutsonville C.u.s.d. #1
Illini Bluffs Community Unit Schools, District 327
Illini Central Cusd #189
Illini West High School District 307
Ina Community Consolidated Sd 8
Indian Creek C.u.s.d. No. 425
Indian Prairie School District #204
Indian Springs School District 109
Indian Valley Vocational Center J.a.
Iroquois County Cusd #9
Iroquois West Cusd #10
Irvington Cc School Dist #11
Itasca School District #10
Iuka Ccsd #7
J. Sterling Morton Hsd 201
Jamaica C U School District 12
Jamp Special Education Services
Jasper Comm. Cons. School District #17
Jasper County Community Unit School District #1
Jersey School District #100
Jo Daviess-carroll Area Vocational Center
Johnsburg Community Unit School District #12

Johnston City Community Unit School District No. 1
Joliet Public School District #86
Joliet Township High School District 204
Jonesboro Cc School District 43
Joppa-maple Grove School District #38
Kaneland Cusd #302
Kansas Community Unit #3
Kaskaskia Special Education District #801
Keeneyville School District #20
Kell Consolidated School District No. 2
Kendall County Special Ed Coop
Kenilworth 38
Kewanee Comm Unit School Dist. #229
Kildeer Countryside Ccsd 96
Kings Consolidated School District No. 144
Kinnikinnick C.c.s.d. #131
Kirby School Distirct 140
Knoxville Cusd #202
Knox-warren Special Education District
Komarek School District No 94
L.e.a.s.e.
La Grange Area Department Of Special Educaiton
La Moille C.u.s.d. No. 303
La Salle E.s.d. No. 122
Ladd Ccsd 94
Lagrangè School District #105
Laharpe Community School District #347
Lake Bluff Esd 65
Lake Forest Community High School District 115
Lake Park High School District 108
Lake Villa Comm. Cons. School Dist 41
Lansing School District #158
Laraway Ccsd
Lasalle-peru Area Career Center
Lasalle-peru Twp. High School District #120
Lebanon Cusd#9
Lee County Special Education Assoc.
Leepertown C.c.s.d. No 175
Leland Cusd #1
Lemont Bromberek Csd 113a
Lemont High School District 210
Lena-winslow Cusd No. 202
Leroy Cusd #2
Lewistown Cusd #97
Lexington Cusd #7
Leyden High School District 212
Liberty Cusd

Libertyville School District #70
Lick Creek Cc School District #16
Limestone Community High School, Dsitric 310
Limestone Walters School District #316
Lincoln Community High School District #404
Lincoln Elementary Sd #27
Lincoln School District #156
Lincolnland Regional Delivery Sytem
Lincolnland Technical Education Center
Lincolnshire-prairie View Sd 103
Lincoln-way Area Special Education
Lincoln-way High School Dist. 210
Lincolnwood School District 74
Lindop 92
Lisbon Ccsd #90
Lisle Cusd #202
Litchfield C.u.s.d. No. 12
Livingston Area Career Center
Livingston Area Education For Employment
Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative
Lockport Elem. School District #91
Lockport Township Hs District 205
Lombard Elementary District 44
Lostant Cusd 425
Lovington Community Unit School District
Low Incidence Cooperative Agreement
Lowpoint-washburn Cusd # 21
Ludlow Ccsd#142
Lyons Elementary School District 103
Lyons Township High School District 204
Macinaw Valley Special Education Association
Macomb Cusd# 185
Macon-piatt Special Education District
Madison County Region Ii
Madison County, Region I, Special Eduation
Madison Cusd #12
Maercker School District 60
Mahomet-seymour Cusd #3
Maine Township H.s. District 207
Maine Township Special Ed Program
Malden Community Consolidated School, District 84
Manhattan 114
Mannheim School District 83
Manteno Community Unit School District #5
Marengo Community Hs Dist. 154
Marengo-union Consoldated Sc #165
Marion Community Unit School Dist. #2

Marissa Community Unit School District No. 40
Maroa-forsyth C.u.s.d. #2
Marquardt School District 15
Marseilles Elementary School District 150
Marshall Cusd #c-2
Martinsville Cusd C-3
Mascoutah Cusd #19
Massac County Usd #1
Matteson Esd 162
Mattoon Community Unit School District #2
Mazon-verona-kinsman Elementary School District 2c
Mcclellan C.c. School District #12
Mchenry C.c.s.d. #15
Mchenry Community High School District #156
Mclean County Unit School District No. 5
Medinah School District #11
Mendota C.c.s.d. No. 289
Mendota High School Dist No. 280
Mercer County School District #404
Meredosia-chambersburg Cusd 11
Meridian C.u.s.d 101
Meridian Community Unit School District #223
Meridian Cusd #15
Metamora C.c.s.d. #1
Metamora Township High School, District 122
Mid Valley Special Education Cooperative
Midland Cusd 7
Midlothian School District 143
Mid-state Special Education
Midwest Central Community Unit School District No. 191
Milford Comm Consolidated School Dist
Milford Township High School
Millburn C.c. School District #24
Miller Twp Ccsd #210
Millstadt Community Consolidated School Dstrict #160
Minooka Community Consolidated School District #201
Minooka Community High School
Mokena School District 159
Moline School District No. 40
Momence C.u.s. D. #1
Monmouth-roseville Cusd #238
Monroe Grade School, District 70
Monticello Community Unit School District 25
Montmorency Ccsd #145
Moraine Area Career Center
Morris Community High School District 101

Morris Elementary School District No. 54
Morrison Community Unit District #6
Morrisonville Cusd 1
Morton Grove School District 70
Morton Unit School District 709
Mount Prospect School District 57
Mount Vernon City Schools, Dist. #80
Mt. Olive Cusd #5
Mt. Pulaski Cud #23
Mt. Vernon Township High School #201
Mulberry Grove Cusd No. 1
Mundelein Cons H.s. District #120
Mundelein Elementary School District #75
Murpysboro Community Unit School District #186
Naperville Cusd #203
Nashville Community Consolidated School District 49
Nashville High School #99
Nauvoo-colusa Cusd# 325
Nelson Public School District No. 8 - Lee County
Neoga Community Unit School District
Neponset Ccsd #307
Nettle Creek Comm Cons Grd S D #24-c
New Athens Cusd #60
New Berlin Cusd #16
New Holland-middletown #88
New Hope Community Consolidated School Dist 6
New Lenox School District 122
New Simpson Hill District 32
New Trier Township High School District 203
Newark C. C. School District #66
Newark C.h.s.d. No. 18
Niles Elementary School District 71
Niles Township High School District 219
Nippersink School District 2
Nokomis Cusd 22
Norridge Sd # 80
Norris City-omaha-enfield Cusd #3
North Boone C.u.s.d. #200
North Clay Community Unit School District 25
North Dupage Special Education Cooperative
North Greene Unit District # 3
North Mac Cusd #34
North Palos School District 117
North Pekin Marquette Heights School District #102
North Shore School District 112
North Sub Ed Region For Vocational Ed
North Wamac Grade School

North Wayne Community Unit School District #200
Northbrook School District 28
Northbrook\glenview School District 30
Northern Suburban Spec Ed Dist
Northfield Township High School District 225
Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization
Northwestern Cusd #2
Northwestern Illinois Association
Norwood School District No. 63
Oak Grove School District #68
Oak Grove School District No. 68
Oak Lawn Comm. High School 229
Oak Lawn-hometown Dist. 123
Oak Park And River Forest High School District 200
Oak Park Esd 97
Oakdale Ccsd1
Oakland Community Unit School District 5
Oakwood Community Unit School District No. 76
Oblong Comm Unit School District #4
Odell Ccsd #435
Odin Public Schools District #700
Odin Public Schools Ditriect #122
O'fallon School District #90
O'fallon Township H.s.d. No. 203
Oglesby Elementary School District 125
Ohio Comm Cons School, District 17
Ohio Comm High School, District 505
Okaw Valley Community Unit
Olympia C.u.s D. #16
Olympia C.u.s D. #16
Opdyke-belle Rive Com. Cons. Dist. 5
Orangeville Cusd No. 203
Oregon Community Unit School District #220
Orion Community Unit District @223
Orland School District 135
Oswego Cusd #308
Ottawa Elementary School District #141
Ottawa Township High School 140
Palestine Community Unit School District No. 3
Palos Comm Con Schl Dist #118
Palos Hts. Elem. Schl. Dist. 128
Pana Community Unit School District
Panhandle Community Unit School District #2
Paris Community Unit School District #4
Paris Cooperative High School
Paris Union School District No. 95
Park Forest-chicago Heights School District 163

Patoka Community Unit District #100
Paw Paw Cusd #271
Pawnee Community Unit School District #11
Paxton-buckley-Ioda Community District #10
Payson Cusd 1
Pearl City Cusd No. 200
Pecatonica Community Unit School District #321
Pekin Community High School
Pekin Public Schools District 108
Pembroke Community Consolidated School District #259
Pennoyer School District #79
Peoria Education Region - Efe 300
Peoria Heights Community Unit Schools, District 325
Peotone School District 207-u
Perandoe Special Education District
Peru E.s.d. No. 124
Pikeland Cusd #10
Pinckneyville Community High School District No. 101
Pinckneyville School District #50
Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202
Plano C.u.s.d. #88
Pleasant Hill Cusd #3
Pleasant Hill Grade School, District 69
Pleasant Plains School District
Pleasant Valley School District No. 62
Pleasantdale School District 107
Polo Community Unit School District No. 222
Pontiac Township High School District No. 90
Pontiac-wm. Holliday #105
Pope County Cusd #1
Porta Community Unit School District 202
Posen Robbins School District 143 1/2
Potomac Cusd #10
Prairie Central Cusd #8
Prairie Du Rocher Ccsd #134
Prairie Grove Csd 46
Prairie Hill Ccsd No. 133
Prairie Hills School District 144
Prairieview-ogden Ccsd #197
Princeton Elementary School Dist. #115
Princeton Twp. High School
Princeville Cusd #326
Prophetstown-lyndon-tampico
Prospect Heights School District 23
Proviso Area For Exceptional Children
Proviso High School District 209
Putnam County Cusd #535

Quad City Cte Consortium, Efe 185
Queen Bee School District 16
Quincy Area Vocational Center
Quincy Public School Dist #172
R.o.w.v.a. Community Unit School District #208
Raccoon Consolidated School District No. 1
Ramsey Community Unit School District
Rankin Grade School, District 98
Rantoul City School District #137
Rantoul Township High School District 193
Reavis
Red Hill Cusd #10
Regional Vocational System
Rhodes 84.5
Rich High School District 227
Richland School District 88a
Richmond Burton Community High School District 157
Ridgeland Publ. Schl. Dist 122
Ridgeview Cusd #19
Ridgewood High School District 234
Ridgewood High School District 234 Maple Park Academy Joint Agreement
Riley Com Cons. Dist 18
River Bend Community Unit School District No. 2
River Forest District No. 90
River Grove School District 85.5
River Ridge Cusd No. 210
River Trails School District 26
Riverdale Cusd #100
Riverdale Elementary School, Distirct 14
Riverside Brookfield Hs District No 208
Riverside Sd 96
Riverton Community Unit School District #14
Riverview Community Consolidated School District #2
Roanoke Benson Unit #60
Robein School District 85
Robinson Comm Unit Sch District No. Two
Rochelle Ccsd #231
Rochelle Township High School
Rochester Cusd #3a
Rock Falls Elementary School District #13
Rock Falls Township High School
Rock Island-milan School District #41
Rock River Co-op Alternative School
Rockdale School District 84
Rockford Public Schools District 205
Rockridge Community Unit School District #300
Rockton School District #140

Rome Comm Cons School Dist. 2
Rondout School District #72
Rooks Creek Ccsd 425
Roselle School District #12
Rosemont Elementary School District #78
Rossville-alvin Cusd #7
Round Lake Area School District 116
Roxana Cusd No. 1
Rutland Township Community Cons. School #230
Saint Libory Consolidated School District 30
Salem Community High School #600
Salem Elementeary School
Salt Creek Academy
Salt Creek School District No. 48
Sandoval Cusd 501
Sandridge School District 172
Sandwich C.u.s.d. #430
Sangamon Area Special Education District
Sangamon Valley C.u.s.d. #9
Saratoga Community Consolidated School District 60c
Saunemin Ccsd #438
Scales Mound Cusd No. 211
Schaumburg Community Consolidated School District 54
Schiller Park Sd 81
School Association For Special Education In Dupage (sased)
School District #106
School District 45, Dupage County
School District 7 Wood Dale
School District 79 Lake County
School District U-46
Schuyler-industry Cusd #5
Scott-morgan Cusd 2
Selmaville Com. Cons. School Dist. #10
Seneca Grade School District #170
Seneca Twp High School District 160
Serena Community Unit School District No. 2
Sesser-valier Cusd No. 196
Shawnee Unit School District 84
Shelbyville Community School District
Sherrard C.u.s.d. No. 200
Shiloh School District Unit #1
Shiloh Villageschool District #85
Shirland Community Consolidated School District #134
Signal Hill School District #181
Silvis School District #34
Skokie School District 68

Skokie School District 69
Skokie School District 73 1/2
Smithton C.c.s.d. #130
Somonauk C.u.s.d. No. 432
South Central Comm Unit School Dist #401
South Eastern Special Education
South Fork Cusd 14
South Holland School District 150
South Holland School District 151
South Pekin Grade School District 137
South Wilmington Consolidated School District No. 74
Southeastern C U Sch Dist #337
Southern Will County Coop For Special Education
Southwest Cook Country Coop
Southwestern Community Unit School District #9
Sparta Comm Unit Dist. #140
Special Education Association Of Peoria County
Special Education District Of Lake County/seja 825
Special Education District Of Mchenry County
Spoon River Valley Cusd #4
Spring Lake Ccsd 606
Spring Valley Community Cons. School Dist. 99
Springfield Public Schools
St. Joseph Ccs Dist. #169
St. Anne C.c.s.d. #256
St. Anne Community High School District #302
St. Charles Community Unit School District #303
St. Clair Co. Swic Intergovernmental Coop
St. Elmo Community Unit School District 202
St. Joseph-ogden Chsd #305
St. Rose School District #14-15
Stark County Community Unit School District #100
Starved Rock Associates Voc Tech Education
Staunton Cusd No. 6
Steeleville Comm. Unit District No. 138
Steger School District 194
Steward Elementary School # 220
Stewardson-strasburg Cusd 5a
Stockton Community Unit School District No. 206
Streator Elementarya Schools, Dist. 44
Streator Township High School
Sullivan Community Unit School District #300
Summerville S.d. 79
Summit Hill School District #161
Sunnybrook School District 171
Sunset Ridge School District 29
Sycamore Community Unit School District #427

Taft School District 90
Tamaroa Grade School District #5
Taylorville Cusd 3
Tazewell County/area Education For Employment
Teutopolis Unit 50
Thomasboro Community Consolidated School
Thompsonville Cusd #174
Thornton Fractional H.s. #215
Thornton School District 154
Tonica Ccsd #79
Township High School District 113
Township High School District 211
Township High School District 214
Trees Efe #100
Tremont Cusd 702
Triad Cusd #2
Tri-city C.u.s.d. #1
Trico Community Unit School District #176
Tri-county Special Ed Assn
Triopia Cusd #27
Tri-point Cusd 6j
Tri-valley Cusd #3
Troy Ccsd 30-c
Tuscola Community Unit School District 301
Union Ridge School District No. 86
Union School District 81
United Cusd 304
United Township Area Career Center
United Township High School Dist. #30
Unity Point School District 140
Urbana School District # 116
Valley View Public Schools Cusd 365-u
Valmeyer Cusd #3
Vandalia Cusd 203
Venice Cusd #3
Vermilion Assoc. For Special Education
Vermilion Vocational Education Delivery System
Vienna High School 13-3
Vienna Public School District #55
Virginia C.u.s.d. #64
Vit Comm Unit School Dist #2
Wabash & Ohio Valley Sp. Ed. District
Wabash Community Unit School District #348
Wallace Community Consolidated School
Waltham C.c. School District 185
Waltonville Cusd 1
Warren Community Unit School District No. 205

Warren Township High School District #121
Warrensburg-latham Cusd#11
Washington Community High School
Washington Grade Schools, District 52
Waterloo Cusd #5
Wauconda Comm Unit School Dist 118
Waverly Community Unit School District No. 6
Wayne City Community Unit #100
Webber Township High School #204
Wesclin Cusd #3
West Carroll Cusd No. 314
West Central Cusd #235
West Central Region Education For Employment System #240
West Chicago Elementary District 33
West Harvey Dixmoor School District #147
West Lincoln- Broadwell Esd # 92
West Northfield School District 31
West Prairie Cusd 103
West Washington County Cusd #10
Westchester School District 92 1/2
Western Area Career System
Western Community Unit School District 12
Westville Cusd #2
Wethersfield Community Unit School Dist. 230
Whiteside Regional Vocational System
Whiteside School District #115
Wilco Area Career Center
Will County School District 92
Williamsfield Community Unit School District
Williamson County Cte System
Williamson County Special Education District
Williamsville Community Unit School District 15
Willow Grove School District #46
Willow Springs School District 108
Wilmette Community Special Education Agreement
Wilmette Public School District 39
Wilmington Community Unit School District No 209u
Winchester Community Unit School District #1
Windsor Community Unit School District 1
Winfield School District 34
Winnebago Community Unit Dist #323
Winnebago County Spec Educ Coop
Winnetka S.d. 36
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Wolf Branch School District 113
Wood River-hartford Dist 15
Woodford County Special Ed. Assoc.

Woodland Community Consolidated School District #50
Woodland Cusd #5
Woodlawn Community High School
Woodridge School District 68
Worth School District #127
Yorkville Community Unit School District 115
Zeigler-royalton Cusd #188
Zion Benton Twp. High School Dist 126
Zion Elementary School District 6

Illinois College and University Checkbook Data – FGI has collected a total number of 36 College and Universities checkbooks. Breakouts can be found below for each College and University from years 2004–2011 for the following schools:

College Name	Total Check Amount	Total Check Count	Starting Year	Last Year
Black Hawk College	134,783,254	98,162	2005	2011
Carl Sandburg College	77,360,843	61,940	2005	2011
College of Dupage	896,405,893	258,548	2004	2012
College of Lake County	140,857,488	49,596	2005	2007
Danville Area Community College	63,709,493	64,652	2006	2012
Eastern Illinois University	170,844,121	48,405	2008	2011
Governors State University	-323,901,767	137,899	2005	2011
Harper College	675,827,086	162,425	2005	2012
Highland Community College	89,368,898	61,024	2005	2011
Illinois Central College	824,644,094	129,370	2004	2011
Illinois State University	116,184,509	35,552	2010	2011
Illinois Valley Community College	831,880,694	131,228	2004	2011
John A Logan College	118,564,860	108,150	1900	2011
John Wood Community College	68,293,946	64,719	2004	2011
Joliet Junior College	282,800,490	83,998	2005	2011
Kaskaskia College	102,963,325	35,627	2006	2011
Kishwaukee College	331,999,884	78,021	2005	2011
Lake Land College	154,611,623	86,349	2005	2011
Lewis and Clark Community College	164,775,240	80,957	2005	2011
Lincoln Land Community College	168,482,517	95,311	2004	2011
McHenry County College	23,984,665	14,804	1905	1905
Morton College	9,747,833	4,466	2010	2011
Northern Illinois University	777,191,968	216,941	2004	2011
Oakton Community College	92,484,645	91,236	2007	2011
Parkland College	109,278,695	44,422	2008	2011
Prairie State College	123,015,499	87,035	2005	2012
Richland Community College	-104,908,959	81,773	2005	2011
Rock Valley College	26,543,066	11,368	2008	2009

Sauk Valley Community College	35,696,649	30,529	2005	2011
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	58,926,125,080	2,994,971	2004	2011
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	844,256,996	315,686	2005	2011
Spoon River College	-52,695,244	40,283	2006	2011
Triton College	274,789,298	280,710	2005	2011
University of Illinois	1,923,374,826	248,256	2010	2011
Waubensee Community College	48,211,049	31,502	2011	2011
Western Illinois University	830,435,900	451,531	2005	2011
Total	68,977,988,451	6,817,446		

City of Chicago Checkbook Data - FGI FOIA'ed the City of Chicago checkbook on April 20, 2012 from years 2002-2011 and received their data on one CD disk sent to us via US mail from the Office of the City Comptroller on May 4, 2012.

U.S Federal Checkbook - FGI obtained the federal checkbook for years 2000-2011 for all 50 states including: 11,962,374 Direct Payments; 30,509,154 Contracts; 6,609,120 Grants; 253,118 Insurance Payments; 3,024,643 Loan Payments.