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## **RE: ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST**

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

In accordance with Illinois' Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et. seq.*), Jobs to Move America (JMA) is writing to request copies of the following records in the possession of the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation D/B/A Metra pertaining to Metra's Request for Proposals (RFP) for at least 200 new push-pull commuter rail cars, with options to buy up to 200 more. This RFP is associated with Bid ID: 37383-JO.

- All RFP documents associated with Bid ID: 37383-JO and any addenda to the RFP.
- A list of registered Metra vendors that were notified by Metra of the aforementioned RFP.
- A list detailing all potential, expected, future, and current funding sources for this procurement, including: (a) the federal, state, or local provider of any funds; (b) the type or name of any funds; and (c) the total amount of funds from each source.

This request covers March 20, 2019 to April 12, 2019.

In accordance with 5 ILCS 140/6 Section 6C, JMA requests a fee waiver or a reduced fee for processing this request, on the basis that our request is for non-commercial purposes, and the requested records are in the public interest. JMA is a non-profit 501(c3) organization. We are committed to harnessing government procurement to realize equity; to promote environmental sustainability; to further open, democratic government; and to achieve an inclusive, diverse workforce that lifts people into middle-class jobs. JMA is dedicated to ensuring that the billions

of public dollars spent on American infrastructure create better results for our communities: good jobs, cleaner equipment, and more opportunity for historically marginalized people. Further, the records sought would give the public a better understanding of Metra's procurement process and inform good government policies that benefit the public. If a fee waiver or a reduced fee is not granted, we ask that you immediately contact us by e-mail at [cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org](mailto:cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org) and specify your justification for such a decision.

If your agency believes that any part of this request is exempt from disclosure, please cite the reasons for withholding or redacting records, the exemption which you believe justifies your refusal to release the information, and the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denials. If your agency believes that portions of the responsive records are exempt from disclosure, we ask that you release any non-exempt, reasonably segregable portions with any exempt segments redacted. In addition, please inform us of the appeal procedures available to us under the law.

We prefer to receive the responsive records in an electronic file e-mailed to us at [cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org](mailto:cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org). If this is not possible, please provide these records electronically via an FTP site, or mail electronic copies to us on removable media, such as a CD or flash drive. If these delivery methods are not feasible, we ask that you mail paper copies of the requested records to us at the address provided above.

Please feel free to contact us by e-mail at [cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org](mailto:cyang@jobstomoveamerica.org) if you have any questions about our request. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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