December 19, 2013

Mr. Marcus Simmons

E-mail: president@map-n.org

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Southfield, MI 48076-3069

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on I Can Connect – Perkins Letter

Dear Mr. Simmons:

This email is in response to your December 11, 2013 email request for information under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*. This request was received by this office on December 12, 2013.

You have requested information as described in your email (which is also below) as:

“This is a FOIA requesting a copy of the document from the Perkins School for the Blind, indicating they will not pay for services rendered in connection with the "I Can Connect" program received by BSBP in July of 2013.”

Your request is granted as to existing, non-exempt information in the possession of the Bureau. Please find attached an email regarding the subject above.

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Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachments - Email Request for Information & Email from Perkins

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II,

Sue Luzenski

Mike Pemble

Katie Belknap

Leamon Jones

Cindy Caldwell

From: Marcus Simmons <president@map-n.org>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10:49 AM

To: Haynes, Carla (LARA)

Subject: Perkins School denial letter for services to BSBP on "I Can Connect"

Dear Carla Haynes,

This is a FOIA requesting a copy of the document from the Perkins School for the Blind, indicating they will not pay for services rendered in connection with the "I Can Connect" program received by BSBP in July of 2013.

Changing what it means to be blind,

Marcus Simmons, President,

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From: Marcia.Brooks@Perkins.org [mailto:Marcia.Brooks@Perkins.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 5:32 PM

To: Caldwell, Cynthia (LARA)

Subject: Courtesy advance fyi re Perkins' email to BSBP's NDBEDP vendors

Hi Cindy,

I hope all is well with you - I’ve been trying several times to get in touch with you by email and voicemail, as I was hoping to speak with you directly to give you a courtesy update.

I’m writing to let you know I’m going to send the following email (below my signature file) to your NDBEDP vendors (Isabell Florence and CAC) tomorrow, Thur 7/25 at 5:30 pm EDT – but I wanted to let you know first. As always, please feel free to be in touch.

Best,

Marcia

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Marcia Brooks

National Project Manager, National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program

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Dear (Michigan BSBP NDBEDP vendor name),

We regret to inform you that Perkins and the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) in Michigan could not come to agreement for Perkins to pay you directly for the work you perform for BSBP’s National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program in Michigan. We therefore instruct you to work directly with BSBP regarding your NDBEDP services and payment.

Sincerely,

Marcia

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