June 20, 2014

Mr. Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

E-mail: joeharcz@comcast.net

1365 E. Mt. Morris Rd.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Re: FOIA Response to Request for Information on Gordon Food Service Inc. and Food Purchases for BEP Locations

Dear Mr. Harcz, Jr.:

This email is in response to your June 17, 2014, email request for information, received by this office on June 18, 2014. Please be advised that the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) is processing this request under the state’s Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq*.

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

“Please refer to the DTMB payments to Gordons Food Services after my signature line. Now I’m asking you how much of these food purchases were made for the bogus “Cora’s Café” which is supposed to be a mandated facility run by a licensed blind operator at the Anderson House Office Building. In addition I’m asking you to break out food purchases for the BEP location at the State of Michigan Capitol which is also a mandated facility, but which hasn’t had a licensed operator since June of last year and which has been run by civil service employees who are not blind by the way since then.”

In order to determine the extent of the research time, the size and number of records of nonexempt information within BSBP responsive to your

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request, a search must be undertaken. For this reason, it is necessary to extend the time for response, as permitted by Section 5(2)(d) of the FOIA, through July 3, 2014.

If it is determined that there is a cost involved in the processing of this request, you will be sent an email which will include an invoice outlining that cost (before or no later than July 3, 2014). This email may either request a deposit (if the cost is over $50.00) or request payment of the total cost if the amount is under $50.00.

Please note that nothing within the federal American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (RA), as amended, or the state’s FOIA (MCL 15.231 et seq.) requires a public body to process FOIA requests free of charge. Further, while the ADA and Section 504 of the RA may mandate that, upon request, material be produced in an accessible format without charge, neither the ADA or Section 504 of the RA preclude a public body from charging costs under the state’s FOIA. Thusly, please note that no labor fee charges have been, or will be, assessed to convert existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your requests into an accessible format to forward to you.

Sincerely,

Carla Miller Haynes, FOIA Coordinator

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons

Attachment: Email Request for Information

cc: Edward F. Rodgers II, Sue Luzenski

 Mike Pemble, Katie Belknap

Leamon Jones, Diamalyn Gaston

Lisa Kisiel

Cheryl Heibeck

Constance Zanger, James Hull

Rob Essenberg

From: joe harcz Comcast [mailto:joeharcz@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 3:02 PM

To: Rodgers, Edward (LARA)

Cc: Mike Pemble BSBP Dep. Dir.; Zanger, Connie (LARA); Luzenski, Sue (LARA); Christyne.Cavataio@ed.gov; Lamb, Elden (OAG); BRIAN SABOURIN; Marlene Malloy MCRS Dir.; BSBPcommissioners; Joe Sibley MCBVI Pres.; Gary Gaynor; commissioner-hudson@outlook.com; nfbmi-

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Subject: gordon's food services capitol and anderson buildin

June 17 2014 on Payments to Gordon Food Service

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

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To: Edward F. Rodgers II, Director

Bureau Services for Blind Persons

Constance Zanger, BSBP BEP

Mike Pemble, BSBP Deputy Director

Sue Luzenski BSBP Administrative Assistant

All:

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location at the State of Michigan Capitol which is also a mandated facility, but which hasn’t had a licensed operator since June of last year and which has been run by civil service employees who are not blind by the way since then.

As always I thank you for your prompt and accessible response and for your timely accounting of federal and state taxpayer’s funds which are earmarked for the purposes of employing persons who are blind.

Sincerely,

Paul Joseph Harcz, Jr.

Cc: RSA

Cc: E. Lamb, MI Auditor General’s Office

Cc: MCRS

Cc: CAP/MPAS

Cc: NFB MI

Cc: BSBP Commissioners

Cc: several legislators

Cc: several media

Source:

http://media.state.mi.us/MiTransparency/Vendor/Warrants?y=2014&v=GORDON%20FOOD%2

0SERVICE%20INC&a=641&g=Contractual%20Services%20Supplies%20and%20Materials&C

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Payments to GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC by LICENSING AND REGULATORY

AFFAIRS for fiscal year 2014

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Agency Name

Category Description

Warrant Date

Payments Total

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

6/11/2014

$646.19

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

6/10/2014

$1,907.42

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

6/4/2014

$140.85

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

6/3/2014

$1,217.22

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/30/2014

$2,454.08

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/29/2014

$8.71

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/27/2014

$13,734.43

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/23/2014

$3,040.29

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/21/2014

$138.78

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/19/2014

$195.69

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/14/2014

$469.40

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/13/2014

$1,766.09

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/7/2014

$132.84

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/6/2014

$305.79

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/5/2014

$1,752.06

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

5/2/2014

$296.42

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/30/2014

$2,456.99

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/28/2014

$67.97

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/23/2014

$2,197.30

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/16/2014

$1,629.06

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/9/2014

$1,937.81

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/4/2014

$1,490.03

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

4/1/2014

$464.88

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/21/2014

$282.15

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/20/2014

$119.59

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/18/2014

$1,733.65

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/17/2014

$3,748.80

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/14/2014

$69.64

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/12/2014

$134.11

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/11/2014

$1,535.58

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/5/2014

$1,786.74

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

3/3/2014

$258.95

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/25/2014

$1,965.07

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/24/2014

$134.46

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/20/2014

$2,852.94

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/18/2014

$225.52

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/14/2014

$3,976.96

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/12/2014

$212.09

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

2/5/2014

$25.19

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/31/2014

$372.28

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/28/2014

$1,882.03

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/22/2014

$231.33

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/21/2014

$1,925.28

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

1/15/2014

$2,919.15

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/26/2013

$123.32

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/19/2013

$229.95

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/16/2013

$2,364.60

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/13/2013

$97.52

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/12/2013

$189.79

LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Contractual Services Supplies and Materials

12/10/2013

$1,668.26