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Mr. Ryan Nave
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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Nave:

Our office has reviewed the request for public records you submitted on November 23, 2015, for the following information:

A list of firms holding active contracts with the City of Jackson and the amount authorized to each.

A list of firms holding active subcontracts on City of Jackson projects and the amount authorized to each.

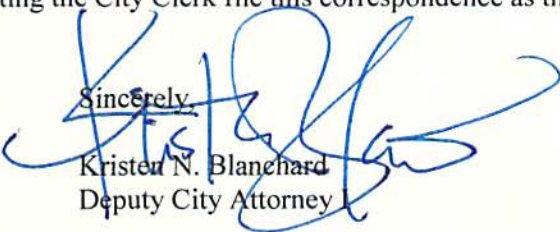
Section 25-61-3 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), as amended, sets forth the definition of public records under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983:

“Public records” shall mean all books, records, papers, accounts, letters, maps, photographs, films, cards, tapes, recordings or reproductions thereof, and any other documentary materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, having been used, being in use, or prepared, possessed or retained for use in the conduct, transaction or performance of any business, transaction, work, duty or function of any public body, or required to be maintained by any public body.

Your request is not a request for an identifiable public record. The City of Jackson, Mississippi is not in possession of a record that is ‘a list of firms holding active contracts with the City of Jackson and the amount authorized to each’ or a record that is ‘a list of firms holding active subcontracts on City of Jackson projects and the amount authorized to each.’ Accordingly, your request is denied because the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 does not require the City of Jackson, Mississippi to create a public record in order to respond to a request for a nonexistent public record.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting the City Clerk file this correspondence as the City’s official response to your request.

Sincerely,


Kristin N. Blanchard
Deputy City Attorney

cc: Monica D. Joiner, City Attorney
Kristi Moore, City Clerk
Gus McCoy, Chief Administrative Officer

