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Your Recent Request for Records

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Wed, Oct 6, 2021 at 8:41 AM

The Michigan Department of State (Department) acknowledges receipt of your request for records emailed September 27, 2021, made pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 *et seq.* A request sent electronically is considered received on the business day following its transmission; here, September 28, 2021. MCL 15.235(1). The Department has begun to process the request under the FOIA and issues this preliminary notice in response to your request, a copy of which is attached and incorporated herein.

In order to determine whether the Department possesses existing, nonexempt public records responsive to your request, we are extending the time for responding to your request by 10 business days (in addition to the standard 5 business days allowed for a response), as permitted by FOIA, MCL 15.235. A notice will be issued to you on or before October 19, 2021.

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Michigan Bureau of Elections

P.O. Box 20126

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Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 9:28 AM

I'm sending the below email again, because it's unclear if it was delivered or not. If you have received this twice, please disregard.

The Michigan Department of State (Department) has finished processing your request sent via email on September 27, 2021, concerning a request for records under the state Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 *et seq.* This notice is issued in response to your request, a copy of which is attached and is incorporated herein.

Your request seeks the following:

1. Access to and a copy of any and all documents related to the acquisition, utilization, specifications, security, and maintenance of the Konnech Election Management System. Specifically, any related Request For Proposal, Request for Proposal Responses, solicitation materials, contracts, sole source certifications, amendments, purchase orders, invoices, technical specifications, user manuals, training collateral, and security certifications.

2. All documents specified by statute to be retained in relation to the Pollchief system and network, either connected directly or indirectly, to Konnech at large.
3. Any and all invoices, correspondence (including emails, memos, and advisories) regarding the acquisition, utilization, specifications, security, and maintenance of Konnech.
4. All relevant and responsive documents specifically related to how Michigan uses Konnech and the implementation of the election software system.

Your request is denied on the basis of my certification that the Department does not possess records responsive to your request. RFPs and their responses are held by the Department of Technology, Management & Budget, but upon information and belief, the Department is not aware of an RFP for Konnech or Pollchief, nor is it aware of these systems being used in Michigan. If a county utilizes this system, your request should be directed to the specific county that uses these systems.

With respect to the denial of your request, under FOIA (MCL 15.240) you may do one of the following:

1. Appeal this decision in writing to the Secretary of State's designated appeals officer:

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

Attn: Michael J. Brady

Legal Services Administration

Michigan Department of State

P.O. Box 30204

Lansing, Michigan 48918

The writing must specifically state the word "appeal" and must identify the reason or reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. The Department must respond to your appeal within 10 business days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for a response may be extended by 10 business days.

2. File an action in the appropriate court within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs and disbursement, and possible damages.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. The Department's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/sos, under the "FOIA" tab at the bottom of the page.

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Wed, Nov 3, 2021 at 1:41 PM

To: Catherine Engelbrecht <catherine@truethevote.org>

Konnech and Michigan response from this morning. We need to send the orr to another place it looks like?

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Sincerely,

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