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Mr. Mark A. Booker  
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Dear Mr. Booker:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 439875.

The Garland Independent School District (the "district") received a request for: 1) copies of all bids submitted in response to RFP #259-11, excluding the requestor's bid, and 2) copies of the evaluator's notes on all submitted bids including the requestor's bid. You state some of the requested information is being released to the requestor. Although you take no position on the public availability of the submitted information, you state the information may implicate the interests of Learning Sciences International, LLC ("LSI"). Accordingly, you submit documentation showing you notified LSI of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.305(d) (permitting interested third party to submit to attorney general reasons why requested information should not be released); Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permitted governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception to disclosure under certain circumstances). We have received comments from LSI. We have considered the submitted arguments and reviewed the submitted information.

The only information LSI seeks to withhold from disclosure was not included in the information the district submitted to this office for our review. Because the information LSI seeks to withhold was not submitted by the governmental body, this ruling does not address

that information and is limited to the information submitted by the district. *See* Gov't Code § 552.301(e)(1)(D) (governmental body requesting decision from Attorney General must submit copy of specific information requested). As no exceptions to disclosure have been claimed for the submitted information, the district must release the submitted information to the requestor.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index\\_orl.php](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,

  
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