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OR2012-15819

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

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# 466900.

The Alamo Community College District (the "district") received a request for copies of all bid proposals submitted in response to CSP No. 12A-022. Although you take no position on whether the submitted information is excepted from disclosure, you state release of this information may implicate the proprietary interests of EC Group, LLC, EdFinancial Services, LLC, Financial Aid Management for Education, Inc., Global Financial Aid Services, Inc. ("Global"), The Kenaly Complement, Inc., and University Financial Aid Solutions. Accordingly, you have notified these third parties of the request and of their right to submit arguments to this office as to why the requested 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 the circumstances). We have considered arguments received by Global and reviewed the submitted information.

We note, and you acknowledge, the submitted information was the subject of two previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2012-11689 (2012) and 2012-14675 (2012). In these rulings, we determined the district must withhold certain information under sections 552.110 and 552.136 of the Government Code and must release the remaining information. There is no indication the law, facts, or

circumstances on which these prior ruling were based have changed. Thus, the district must continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2012-11689 and 2012-14675 as previous determinations and withhold or release the submitted information in accordance with these rulings. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in a prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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, 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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