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Ms. Ana Vieira
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OR2014-20660

Dear Ms. Vieira:

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# 542932 (OGC# 157753).

The University of Texas System (the "system") received a request for a copy of the contract requested in a previous specific request. Although you inform us the system takes no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of this information may implicate the proprietary interests of Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. ("Konica"). Accordingly, you state and provide documentation showing you notified Konica 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); *see also* Open Records Decision No. 542 (1990) (statutory predecessor to section 552.305 permits governmental body to rely on interested third party to raise and explain applicability of exception in the Act in certain circumstances). We have reviewed the submitted information.

We note the responsive information was the subject of a previous request for information in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2014-07110 (2014). In Open Records Letter No. 2014-07110, we ruled the system must release the submitted information to the requestor. As we have no indication the law, facts, and circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed, the system must continue to rely on Open Records

Letter No. 2014-07110 as a previous determination and release the submitted information in accordance with that ruling. *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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

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