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Subject: FOIA Request - Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223

To: mplourde@mail.meridian223.org <mplourde@mail.meridian223.org>

Dear Records Custodian,

The Data Branch is submitting a public records request for records pertaining to vendor procurement and purchasing activity.

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Scope of Request:

All products from: Brandon Industries, Capital StreetScapes, Custom Products Corporation, Hall Signs, and Signature StreetScapes

We hope to obtain records from 2022 to now reflecting how these engagements are priced — for example, licensing or subscription structures, per-unit rates, and any associated implementation or setup fees.

The types of records we are interested in include:

- Contracts, service agreements, and order forms
- Purchase orders associated with the above vendors
- RFP or solicitation documents
- Task orders issued under cooperative purchasing agreements

We are glad to accept records in whatever format your office finds easiest to produce, including:

- Spreadsheet exports (preferred)
- PDF or Word documents
- Standard ERP or finance system reports
- Any summary-level purchasing records already maintained by your office

Where portions of the requested records may be withheld under an applicable exemption, we ask that all reasonably segregable non-exempt portions still be produced.

Please note that this request *is* for commercial purposes. We are glad to follow any applicable policies or procedures Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223 has in place for handling public records requests, and we are open to narrowing, clarifying, or otherwise adjusting the request to ease the burden on your office.

Please direct responsive records to The Data Branch at the following contact:

Brock Merriweather

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Thank you in advance for your time and attention. If this request has reached the wrong agency or department, please let us know or forward it to the appropriate records custodian. We appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you,

Brock Merriweather

The Data Branch Research Team

Where these records go: The Data Branch is building a national reference of public purchasing records gathered from public sources across the country. When it launches at thedatabranch.com, the app will help public agencies compare what peer agencies paid for similar products and services. Records from your agency will contribute to this shared resource. Please feel free to share it with your purchasing or finance team.

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