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Ms. Sara Galluch
Michigan Economic Development Corporation
300 N. Washington Square
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Sara:

This new FOIA is being submitted in part to answer your 1/27/05 email about what I am looking for regarding REMI and to request data in addition to what I asked for in my previous FOIA. It also contains additional requests.

The Mackinac Center is updating its files on the MEGA program. Pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 15.231 et seq., and any other relevant statutes or provisions of your agency's regulations, I am making the following Freedom of Information Request:

- Input assumptions for the REMI model for MEGA companies Solvay; Covisint; Cardell; and Aspen Bay Pulp and Fibre. Please see (attached) a sample provided to me by Theresa Ramsey on 12/7/04 by email. I would like the specific input assumptions that correspond to the companies mentioned in my previous FOIA.
- The Briefing Memo, Economics Effects Memos, and MEGA Tax Credit Agreement for the November Michigan Packaging Co. retention credit.

We asked for this in our last FOIA but were sent information on the May deal instead. We already had this information.

- The Briefing Memo, Economics Effects Memos, and MEGA Tax Credit Agreements for Tower Automotive and Centaur MEGA deals.
- Economics Effects memo for the MEGA Incat MEGA deal.

- Any summary document used by MEDC officials to produce Don Jakeway letter to Business Direct that mentioned “28,812 total jobs have been created at an actual SBT credit cost of \$75.1 million.” I have a document with the latter figure, now I need whatever document is used to tally up the more than 28,000 jobs referenced by Mr. Jakeway.
- A summary document that contains a list of companies that have received MEGA credits for which it has created jobs but that does not appear on the “All MEGA Projects” spreadsheet.
- Any summary document that explains the methodology used by MEDC or MEGA staff for determining when a company is zeroed out on the “All MEGA Projects spreadsheet.” See “Aspen Bay Pulpe and Fibre” as an example.
- Any summary document that would indicate MEDC or MEGA methodology for measuring job creation credits by tax year on its “MEGA Credits” spreadsheet. This document should state whether or not “tax year” meant that jobs were created either by that year or through that year.
- Any summary document (save the MEGA Credits spreadsheet) that specifically tracks MEGA recipients that have at one time received credits but do not now qualify or expect to.
- Documents that detail whether or not MEGA recipients Hi-Lex and Modlmasters received by way of state assistance with regard to Industrial revenue Bonds sales.

Thank you for your time and attention in these matters. As always, I am grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael LaFaive". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'L'.

Michael LaFaive
Director of Fiscal Policy