

MICHIGAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

October 24, 2016

Mr. Michael LaFaive
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Via E-Mail

Dear Mr. LaFaive:

This written notice is issued in response to your email request dated October 3, 2016 to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et. Seq.*, which was received at this office on October 4, 2016.

You requested, in part, the following:

“The input assumption worksheets used by the MEDC’s consultant TECONOMY Partners, LLC for its report “Michigan 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund—Entrepreneurship and Innovation Programs Impact and Effectiveness””

After diligent search and inquiry, it has been determined that the information requested does not exist in the name you requested or in any other name reasonably known to the MEDC. Therefore this portion of your request is denied.

You also requested the following:

“The input assumption worksheets by the MEDC or its consultant(s) to generate new personal income projections (perhaps among other output) via the REMI program for the first three Michigan Business Development Program grant recipients: Teijin Advanced Composites America, Inc. Lacks Enterprises, Inc., and Computerized Facility Integration, LLC.”

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“Any output tables from the REMI program for the three companies listed above.”

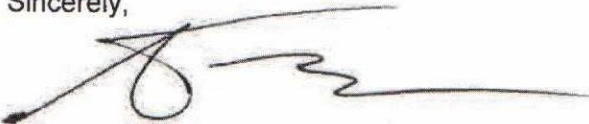
This portion of your request is denied because the documents are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 13(1)(d) of the FOIA, MCL 15.243(1)(d), which exempts records protected from disclosure under another statute. MCL 125.2005(9) of the Michigan Strategic Fund Act grants the Michigan Strategic Fund Board (MSF) authority to acknowledge financial or proprietary information as confidential information. Therefore these documents are exempt from disclosure as a proper confidentiality agreement has been entered into by the MSF.

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As to the denial of your request, pursuant to section 10 of the FOIA, you may do either of the following:

1. Appeal this decision, in writing, to Steve Arwood, CEO, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913. Your written appeal must specifically state, using the word *appeal*, that it is an appeal of this decision and must specify the reasons you believe the denial should be reversed. Mr. Arwood or his designee must respond to your appeal within 10 business days of its receipt. Under unusual circumstances, the time for response to your appeal may be extended by 10 business days.
2. File an action in the Michigan Court of Claims to compel disclosure of the records. The action must be filed within 180 days after the date of the final determination to deny the request. If you prevail in such an action, the court is to award reasonable attorney fees, costs, and disbursements. Further, if the court finds the denial to be arbitrary and capricious, you may receive punitive damages in the amount of \$1,000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Robach', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Robach
FOIA Coordinator