



Office of Corporation Counsel

Indianapolis

Gregory A. Ballard, Mayor

August 16, 2012

Amos Brown III
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Dear Mr. Brown,

On August 1, 2012 you filed a public records request seeking the following records with respect to the annual Mayor's Business Breakfast at Indiana Black Expo:

"[A] breakdown of the \$500 million dollars spent with minority owned businesses in the past four years that Mayor Ballard referred to. I request that the \$500 million in spending be broken down to how much was spent with African-American-owned businesses, Hispanic-owned businesses, Asian-owned businesses, Women-owned businesses and Veteran-owned businesses."

In a letter dated August 6, 2012, I advised you that the City of Indianapolis had begun a search for records responsive to your request. Marc Lotter, Communications Director for the City, subsequently advised you via email on August 8, 2012, that the City does not track data as specified in your request. Mr. Lotter also provided you with available figures representing City spending with Minority, Women and Veteran Business Enterprises since 2008.

In response to your further inquiry dated August 9, 2012, I am reaffirming that the City has no records responsive to your particular request for a breakdown of spending based on the categories specified in your public records request. While the City does retain records of individual business certifications, the City does not track spending beyond the data previously supplied to you, and public entities are not obligated to create new records in response to public records requests. See [Opinion of Public Access Counselor 09-FC-285](#).

Sincerely,

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