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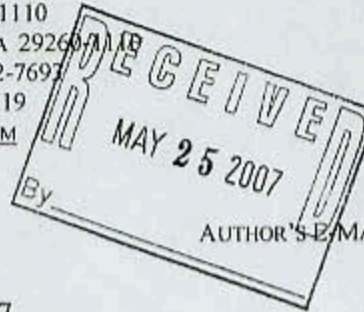
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**RE: Freedom of Information Request  
 BPRWM File No.: 7-1616-100**

Dear Mr. Freeman and Ms. Smith:

I represent Medical Education Technologies, Inc. ("METI"), a Florida company that manufactures computer based human simulators used by medical training programs, hospitals and military around the world. METI has been providing human simulators to health care and educational facilities in South Carolina since the late 1990s. In fact, twelve (12) of the twenty-seven (27) Associate Degree nursing programs in South Carolina routinely use METI equipment in their clinical training programs.

As you are well aware, the Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC"), the University of South Carolina ("USC"), and Clemson University ("Clemson"), along with the Palmetto Health Alliance ("Palmetto") and the Greenville Hospital System ("Greenville"), created the South Carolina Center for Clinical Effectiveness and Patient Safety ("Center") under the Endowed Chairs/Research Centers for Economic Excellence program in August of 2005.

And, as you are also aware, these five entities are members of the Health Sciences South Carolina collaborative ("Collaborative"), and the Center is one of the Collaborative's several initiatives. Indeed, in its August 2005 proposal to the Endowed Chairs Review Board for funding for the Center, METI was touted by name as a world leader in simulation technology and as an intended industry partner for the Center:

"An industry partner has already been identified in the Upstate. Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI), the Florida based manufacturer of the most sophisticated computer based human simulator technology in the world, is involved in the development of 5 regional simulator laboratories across the United

States. . . METI plans to make UCAPS it showpiece center and a Beta test site for future simulator development.”

*S.C. Research Centers for Economic Excellence/Endowed Professorship Program, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, FY 2004-2005, Revised Proposal August 18, 2005, Endowed Chairs for a Center for Clinical Effectiveness and Patient Safety*

Subsequent to the submission of this proposal, the Collaborative, it's member institutions and other simulation end-users in the state have inexplicably changed their position as to METI's role as an industry partner in the Center. The retreat from METI as an industry partner for the Center is underscored by the March 2007 unveiling of the first Center site complete with only Laerdal equipment, a competing manufacturer of human simulators. This site is the very same site discussed in the August 2005 Center proposal as the one in which an industry partner, i.e. METI, had "already been identified." Furthermore, Current METI users have been encouraged to sole-source purchase duplicative simulation equipment from Laerdal in order to ensure their ability to participate in the Center.

A proposed MUSC sole-source procurement now further illustrates that the simulation purchases necessary for the Center's sites are very likely being improperly steered toward a single manufacturer without the benefit of the competitive bid process. While METI was provided an opportunity to comment after learning of MUSC's plans to sole source the simulator equipment, having not received any communication in nearly two months from MUSC, METI can only assume that MUSC is proceeding with the acquisition. The lack of communication is particularly distressing for METI given the fact that the information provided by METI to MUSC in March reflects that its product substantially complies with specification matrix.

Surely, the Collaborative, its member institutions, the Center and the entire South Carolina Centers of Economic Excellence program would all want to ensure that purchases for the Center are made in an ethical and statutorily compliant fashion. Quite simply, METI sees no rational explanation as to why public money, including the Collaborative's recent Duke Endowment grant, should not be expended through a competitive bid process. I raise these concerns on behalf of my client to suggest that due consideration be made before proceeding with additional Center equipment acquisitions that may, at the very least, resemble the concerns raised in the litigation related to Clemson's International Center for Automotive Research and, at most, violate state law.

In continuing my research in this regard, please accept this letter as a request, pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, South Carolina Code §30-4-10 et seq., for the following documents:


1. Any and all Collaborative Board meeting minutes, including those from both regularly scheduled meetings and special called meetings, since the Collaborative's inception of the Collaborative;

2. Any and all Collaborative Board subcommittee meeting minutes, including those from both regularly scheduled meeting and special called meetings, since the Collaborative's inception;
3. Any and all notes, correspondence, or other documents of any sort (electronic or otherwise) relating to the Center and/or its director;
4. Any and all notes, correspondence, or other documents of any sort (electronic or otherwise) relating to the Center's existing or proposed simulation sites; and
5. Any and all notes, correspondence, or other documents of any sort (electronic or otherwise) relating to the procurement of human simulators for the Center or any other entity in the State of South Carolina.

Please let me know once copies of this information are available, and we will send our courier to pick them up. We will gladly reimburse you for any reasonable copying costs associated with this request.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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