



Right-To-Know Response Form

May 26, 2015

Ms. Nicole DuBois
In The Public Interest
2040 S Street NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20009
Via email
RTK REQUEST #15-076

Dear Ms. DuBois,

Thank you for writing to Luzerne County with your request for information pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know law.

Recently the Luzerne County Office of Law received a request for documents from you as set forth in the attached Right-To-Know request. Your request is denied because Luzerne County does not maintain any contracts between the City of Wilkes-Barre and private entities; Luzerne County only maintains contracts to which it is a party. You will have to contact the City of Wilkes-Barre directly to obtain such contracts if any exist. The correctional facility in Wilkes-Barre is operated by the County and, as per previous correspondence, contracts related to prisoner services can be located on the Luzerne County Webpage at www.luzernecounty.org and by clicking on the County Manager link and scrolling down to the approved contracts by year. Within those designations, you will be able to find all contracts related to Luzerne County Correctional Facility.

Your request with regards to the City of Wilkes-Barre's contracts is denied pursuant to Section 705 of the Right to Know Law ("RTKL"), Creation of Record, which states "When responding to a request for access, an agency shall not be required to create a record which does not currently exist or to compile, maintain, format or organize a record in a manner in which the agency does not currently compile, maintain, format or organize the record."

You have a right to appeal this response to your request for information in writing to Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

If you choose to file an appeal you must do so within 15 business days of the mailing date of the agency's response. Section 1101. If you have further questions, please call me or email me at Shannon.Crake@luzernecounty.org. Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this request with our office as permitted by law.

Respectfully,

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