



# Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

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FOIA Officer  
Metra Railroad  
547 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60661

Re: Illinois Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Under the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140**, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that relate to any and all contracts Metra or Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (NIRC) has entered into with Mr. Milton Siegele (consultant) and Mr. John Hennecke of Rail Labor Relations Resources, LLC.

I am also requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that show financial payments, including but not limited to, salary, benefits, expenses and other forms of financial compensation and disbursements related to contracts Metra or Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation (NIRC) has entered with Mr. Milton Siegele (consultant) and Mr. John Hennecke of Rail Labor Relations Resources, LLC.

I understand that the Act permits a public body to charge a reasonable copying fee not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction and not including the costs of any search or review of the records (5 ILCS 140/6). If you estimate that there will be fees applied, please inform me first. However the law allows you to impose a waiver or reduction of fees when information is sought.

I look forward to hearing from you in writing within five working days, as required by the Act 5 ILCS 140(3). Thank you for considering and responding to this request.

Respectfully,

*JJ Balonek*

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