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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order:
University of Oregon Records

Dear Mr. Bonham:

On March 15, 2010 we received an email from you requesting the Attorney General to order the University of Oregon (UO) and agents to make available for inspection or to produce copies of "[a]ll progress payments...for all work performed on or near the environs of the [Matthew Knight Arena] under all contracts for same; from January 9, 2010 to today's date March 11,2010...or show why they cannot be disclosed." You requested those records from UO on March 11, 2010. Your petition followed two business days later.

On March 17, UO provided you with an estimate indicating that the expected cost of responding to your request was $16.19. This indicates that responding to your request requires some work by UO. Though the amount of work required appears to be small, it is sufficient to render premature a petition two business days after the request is made. "The Public Records Law clearly contemplates that agencies have the opportunity to review the requested records and to act on the request before the Attorney General or the courts can review the matter." ***Morse Bros., Inc. v. Oregon Dept. of Economic Development***, 103 OrApp 619, 622, 798 P2d 719 (1990).

Your petition is respectfully denied.

Sincerely,

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to the Attorney General

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