

Dallas Public Fraud Prevention Services

Anonymous Hotline Reporting

POB 455
Addison, TX 75001-0455

www.dpfps.org

June 21, 2004

Ms. Mary K. Suhm
Dallas City Manager
1500 Marilla Street, Room 4EN
Dallas, Texas 75201-6390

**RE: Texas Public Information Act - Open Records Request
Dallas Police & Fire Pension System
ID # 0301-093**

**THIRD REQUEST
07/19/04
CMRRR 7002 3150 0001 7344 2142**

Dear Ms. Suhm:

In our letter of November 15, 2003, we requested information regarding competitive bids for legal services noting that on January 13, 2000, February 8, 2001, and December 12, 2002, the Board of Trustees for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System unanimously approved hourly rate increases for its outside legal counsel, Lawson & Fields, P.C. ([Exhibit "A"](#)).

On December 15, 2003, the Administrator for the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System responded to our request stating that "the quality of the legal advice upon which we will rely is our most important consideration" while failing to produce any information regarding competitive bids that may have been considered by the Board of Trustees ([Exhibit "B"](#)).

We understand that the Dallas Police & Fire Pension System has disbursed \$1,067,983.00 in pension assets to outside legal counsel during the four year fiscal period from 1999 through 2002 ([Exhibit "C"](#)). Respectfully, we are requesting a copy of the Dallas Police & Fire System's policy regarding competitive bids. If none, please explain.

Please note that we are making this request pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code. In addition, please note that we are requesting that the City Manager's office compile information responsive to this Open Records Request, and that a written itemized statement of estimated charges be provided in advance of work being started should the estimated charge exceed \$10.

Please advise should you have comments or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fraud Investigations
Dallas Public Fraud Prevention Services
www.dpfps.org

cc: Mayor Laura Miller
Dallas City Councilmembers