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Steven D. Sandven, Attorney
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RE: Open Records Costs: Your Letter of 12/30/13 to John Meyer

Dear Mr. Sandven:

I'm responding to your referenced letter because Mr. Meyer holds no office, controls no budget, and has no authority to conduct more than incidental search efforts of the nature you have requested of me and (incorrectly) directly of him.

Mr. Meyer's contractual pay rate is \$73.30 per hour and at two hours of contracted time daily, we can't accommodate your extensive requests unless you first agree to compensate for time spent on your open records requests. We will try to determine a reasonable estimate of the extra hours of search and copy efforts that would be required and provide this to you.

There is one fact that I can currently share with you which you ought to consider: Joop Bollen resigned his employment at NSU on December 21, 2009; he took virtually all records in his office relating to his EB-5 activities with him and he requested no permission of NSU to do so.

Sincerely,

James M. Smith, Ph.D.
President