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Dear Mr Lacey

**Re Notice to Applicant that access to confidential information denied -
Our Reference ECD-12-24**

Nova Scotia Economic and Rural Development and Tourism (ERDT) received your application for access under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act on 19 April 2012.

In your application you requested:

"Terms and conditions of both repayable and non-repayable loans, announced for Irving Shipbuilding March 30th, 2012. Please include information for both the \$260m marine industry loan and \$44 million human resource development, technology and industrial development."

ERDT refuses to disclose the information requested because it comprises third party confidential business information to the disclosure of which the notified third party does not consent [section 21(1)]. ERDT also applies to the information requested the following exemption:

"Financial or economic interests

17 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to harm the financial or economic interests of a public body or the Government of Nova Scotia or the ability of the Government to manage the economy and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, may refuse to disclose the following information: ...

(e) information about negotiations carried on by or for a public body or the Government of Nova Scotia."

You have the right to ask, within 60 days of being notified of this decision, for a review of the decision. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to Review Officer, PO Box 181, Halifax NS B3J 2M4; fax 424-8303.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely

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