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March 31, 2014

Fred Hahn  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Higher Education  
514 Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest**

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received March 31, 2014 and understand the facts to be as follows:

- 1) The Illinois Capitol Development Board (CDB) has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Prather Tucker Associates, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to the upgrade of the exterior entry doors at the Illinois State Police Headquarters.
- 3) Prather Tucker Associates, Inc. was selected via Director selection.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Prather Tucker Associates, Inc. indicates the following:
  - a. Mr. Tucker's wife, Rosemary Tucker, has been employed by the Office of the Auditor General since June 2009 as an Administrative Specialist at a salary of \$36,960.
  - b. Mr. Tucker's daughter, Ashley Richardson, has been employed by the Office of the Appellate Defender since July 2008 as a Legal Secretary at a salary of \$31,110.
  - c. Mr. Prather's wife, Debra Prather was employed from 2008 until May 2012 with the Office of the Supreme Court, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit as an Official Court Reporter. Mrs. Prather's salary in 2011 was \$86,521.
- 5) CDB confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. CDB and CPO Hahn indicate that it would be in the best interest of the State to approve this conflict of interest due to the using agency's needs and the value of the contract.

Based on the foregoing, you are requesting my review and comment pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code.

Review and Comment

After careful review of the documentation provided, I do not view the relationships disclosed above as creating a conflict of interest sufficient to preclude CDB from entering into a contract with Prather Tucker Associates, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received March 31, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Aaron Carter", written over a white background.

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel