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July 8, 2011

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
Executive Ethics Commission
401 S. Spring St.
W. G. Stratton Bldg.
Room 301
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received July 1, 2011 and understand the facts to be as follows:

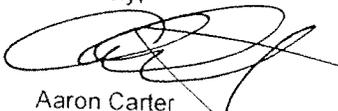
- 1) The Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Russell W. Martin Engineering.
- 2) The contract pertains to the contract for Architect/Engineer Services for rehabilitation of Sangchris Lake boat ramp.
- 3) Russell W. Martin Engineering was selected using Qualifications Based Selection.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the Russell W. Martin Engineering indicates the following:
 - a. Government Consulting Solutions, Inc., firm of Jim Riemer Jr. is retained by the firm for a \$2,000 per month fee and is used for general marketing purposes.
- 5) The Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Capital Development Board and SPO Bill Strahle 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 the Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Russell W. Martin Engineering for the services outlined in your letter received July 1, 2011.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carter
Executive Director