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September 26, 2012

Fred Hahn  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Capital Development Board  
Executive Ethics Commission  
401 S. Spring St.  
377C Stratton Office Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Reference #PSB 180**

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received September 26, 2012 and understand the facts to be as follows:

- 1) The Illinois Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Quadrant Design, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to the proposed contract for design for the construction of an approximately 4,500 square foot training living quarters at the Sparta Armory, including restrooms, showers, offices, classroom space, suite utilities and secured military parking.
- 3) Quadrant Design, Inc. was selected using Qualifications Based Selection.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Quadrant Design, Inc. indicates the following:
  - a. Michael Schneider, president and 100% owner of Quadrant Design Inc. answered "Yes" to questions 5 and 6 of Step 5. Mr. Schneider is a member of the Waterloo Planning Commission, receiving \$60 per monthly meeting. His wife, Susan Rosse, holds an uncompensated position on the Waterloo Library Board.
- 5) The Illinois Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Illinois Capital Development Board and CPO Fred 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 the Illinois Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Quadrant Design, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received September 26, 2012.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel