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October 23, 2012

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
377C Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Reference #810-076-015

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received October 23, 2012 and understand the facts to be as follows:

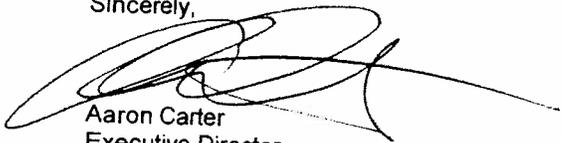
- 1) Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Planera Architects, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to concrete repairs that include replacing sections of concrete walkways and curbs, and installing sealants.
- 3) Planera Architects, Inc was selected using Sole Source.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Planera Architects, Inc indicates the following:
 - a. Mario Planera, firm owner, answered "yes" to question four in Step Four of the disclosures. Mr. Planera serves on the Homewood Plan Commission as an appointed uncompensated member. He is not a Commissioner. Responsibilities include ensuring development applications follow zoning ordinances and meet criteria for appropriate land use.
- 5) Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. 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 Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Planera Architects, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received October 23, 2012.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel