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March 18, 2013

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
377C Stratton Office Building
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 March 18, 2013 and understand the facts to be as follows:

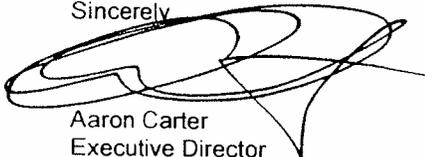
- 1) The Illinois Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Haier Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to the upgrade sewage system at Mt. Vernon Maintenance Storage Facility.
- 3) Haier Plumbing & Heating Inc was selected via Competitive Sealed Bidding.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Haier Plumbing & Heating Inc indicates the following:
 - a. Katherine Kramper is registered under c-2-j in section 1 as receiving compensation as an employee of an election/re-election committee or PAC. Mrs. Kramper disclosed she assists in fundraising for Senator David Luechtefeld.
 - b. Katherine's parents Fred and Eula Haier as well as Katherine's' husband Dan Kramper all disclosed this same employment.
- 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 Haier Plumbing & Heating Inc for the services outlined in your letter received March 18, 2013.

Sincerely



Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel