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June 4, 2013

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Reference #22030776

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received June 4, 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 Bohnsack H. Michael Architects dba Harlan M. Bohnsack.

2) The contract pertains to the emergency design services for a replacement of the roof at the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg, IL.

3) Bohnsack H. Michael Architects dba Harlan M. Bohnsack was selected using Emergency Procurement.

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Bohnsack H. Michael Architects dba Harlan M. Bohnsack indicates the following:

    a. Mr. Bohnsack answered item 1 with a "yes" due to other contracts he has held with CDB. I do not believe these contracts constitute "employment". Mr. Bohnsack's spouse, Julie Ann Bohnsack, teaches one to two classes at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL. The spousal employment as a teacher is the basis for the answer to item 2. Mrs. Bohnsack receives $3,031 for each class she teaches.

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 Bohnsack H. Michael Architects dba Harlan M. Bohnsack for the services outlined in your letter received June 4, 2013.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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