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July 2, 2013

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

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Project #546-195-017**

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 2, 2013 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 Laverdiere Construction, Inc.
2. The contract pertains to miscellaneous improvements at the Macomb Armory.
3. Laverdiere Construction, Inc. was selected using IFB.
4. The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Laverdiere Construction, Inc. indicates the following:
  - a. Laverdiere Construction Inc. ("Laverdiere") submitted a bid on May 30, 2013 for the project referenced above. On July 2, 2013, CDB submitted a recommendation -to-award ("RTA") package for the project to the CPO, seeking to award to Laverdiere. Our review of the submittals identified issues with Laverdiere's disclosures. Specifically, John E. Laverdiere answered "Yes" to Question #2 in Step 5 regarding State's employment of a spouse. Mr. Laverdiere;s wife, Nancy, is employed as a Library Assistant for Western University; it appears her salary is \$29,976.93.
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 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 Laverdiere Construction, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received July 2, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Aaron Carter". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with loops and flourishes. It is positioned above the printed name and title of the signatory.

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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