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July 22, 2013

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Executive Ethics Commission
401 S. Spring Street, Room 318
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Reference #186

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 22, 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 Baysinger Design Group, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to design for replacement of earthquake damaged shower house.
- 3) Baysinger Design Group, Inc. was selected using QBS.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Baysinger Design Group, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Sheila Baysinger, 100% owner and President of Baysinger, answered "Yes to Question 1 of Step 5 of the disclosures. Ms. Baysinger is a part-time professor at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, teaching two three-hour courses for the School of Architecture each year for annual compensation of about \$11,000.
- 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 Baysinger Design Group, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received July 22, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will Blount".

Will Blount
Assistant Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel