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October 23, 2013

Fred Hahn  
Chief Procurement Officer  
Capital Development Board  
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Springfield, IL 62706

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**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Project #630-000-184**

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, 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 Gorski Reifsteck Architects, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to tuck-pointing, septic system, overhead doors, roof replacement and HVAC upgrade.
- 3) Gorski Reifsteck Architects, Inc was selected using the QBS process.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Gorski Reifsteck Architects, Inc indicates the following:
  - a. Charles Reifsteck taught as an adjunct faculty in the School of Architecture at the U of I in 2008, 2009 and 2010. He held the position of Visiting Professor, his adjunct appointment ended in 2010.
  - b. Mr. Reifsteck's daughter, Elsa Reifsteck is an undergraduate student in the School of Architecture at the University of Illinois. She previously held a job as "undergraduate assistant" in the Department of Animal Sciences in 2011 and 2012.
  - c. Gorski Reifsteck Architects currently hold several professional services contracts with the University of Illinois and the State of Illinois.
- 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 indicates 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 Gorski Reifsteck Architects, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received October 23, 2013.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel