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October 29, 2013

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 810-074-017

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received October 28, 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 Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to Davis-Houk Mechanical is a subcontractor for prime vendor, Poetker Construction.
- 3) Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. was selected via contractor-subcontractor agreement.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Chris Rennels', 25% owner of Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc., mother, Camilia Sue Rennels, has been employed as the Coles County Clerk for approximately 7 years and her annual salary is \$70,000. Ms. Rennels does not have any procurement decision authority (with respect to Parkland College). Chris Rennels' father is a retired employee (plumber) for Eastern Illinois University.
- 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 Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received October 28, 2013.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel