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November 4, 2013

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

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Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest 830-010-341

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received November 1, 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 the renovation of the instructional labs at the Medical Sciences Building at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 3) Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. was selected competitive sealed bid.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Chris Rennel's, 25% owner of Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc., father is a retired plumber that was employed by Eastern Illinois University. Mr. Rennel's mother is employed as the Coles County Clerk, and her annual salary is \$70,000. Ms. Rennel's does not have any procurement decision making authority (with respect to the University 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 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 November 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel