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November 22, 2013

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
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ECOPY

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 189

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 22, 2013 and understand the facts to be as follows:

- 1) The Illinois Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Oates Associates, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to Field Maintenance and Shop Conversion at the Paris Armory.
- 3) Oates Associates, Inc. was selected using QBS.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Oates Associates, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Laura Rensing, wife of Oates Principal Jeffery Rensing has been employed with the Illinois Department of transportation since May of 2000. Mrs. Rensing is currently the Acting Engineer of Local Roads.
- 5) The Illinois Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Illinois 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 Illinois Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Oates Associates, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received November 22, 2013.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director