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December 16, 2013

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Project #805-030-020

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received December 16, 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 Globetrotters Engineering Corp.
2. The contract pertains to correct the water infiltration at the Academic Building at the Illinois Math and Science Academy.
3. Globetrotters Engineering Corp. was selected using QBS.
4. The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Globetrotters Engineering Corp. indicates the following:
 - a. Niranjan Shah's son, Ajay Shah, is an appointee to the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Character and Fitness, and Mr. Shah's daughter, Smita Shah, is an appointee to the City of Chicago Planning Commission. Neither individual received a salary for their respective voluntary appointments.
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 Authority 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 Globetrotters Engineering Corp. for the services outlined in your letter received December 16, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Carter", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EED General Counsel