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December 16, 2013

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

**Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Project #630-492-006**

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:

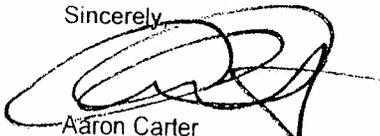
1. The Illinois Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Oates Associates, Inc.
2. The contract pertains to renovating the restrooms at the Salem Maintenance Yard in Macon County.
3. Oates Associates, Inc. was selected using 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 and does not have procurement authority, nor does she earn in excess of \$106,447.20 annually.
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 December 16, 2013.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EED General Counsel