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January 16, 2014

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, 120-295-011

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received January 16, 2014 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 G.H.R. Engineers and Associates, Inc.

2. The contract pertains to replacing failed boiler underground piping.

3. G.H.R. Engineers and Associates, Inc. was selected via emergency procurement.

4. The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the G.H.R. Engineers and Associates, Inc. indicates the following:

    a. Mr. Brian Finet, 14.21% owner of GHR, is an elected trustee of the Allerton Public Library District and receives no salary for this position.
    b. Mr. Brian Finet's spouse, Kelly Finet, is an appointed Public Guardian/Public Administrator for Piatt County and receives no salary for this appointment.

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 G.H.R. Engineers and Associates, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received January 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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