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March 13, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 546-125-012

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received March 7, 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 subcontractor Mason Masonry Restoration, Inc.

2) The contract pertains to replacing roof and interior and exterior upgrades at the Effingham Armory.

3) Mason Masonry Restoration, Inc was selected via contractor-subcontractor agreement.

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Mason Masonry Restoration, Inc indicates the following:

   a. Mr. Randy E. Mason (80% owner) is the Vice President of the Brownstown School Board. There is no salary associated with this position. He has been the Vice President for 1 year and he does not make any procurement decisions. Mr. Mason's wife, Mary Mason is also a 20% owner.

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 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 Mason Masonry Restoration, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received March 7, 2014.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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