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March 27, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Reference #630-000-148

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received March 27, 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 A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
2. The contract pertains to the replacement of natural gas meter, upgrading the electrical panel and the renovation of restrooms.
3. A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. was selected using the competitive bidding process.
4. The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Mr. Jon D. Reichard's spouse, Patricia Reichard is employed by the UIC College of Nursing as a Clinical Instructor. Her annual salary is \$63,360.00 and she has no procurement authority. Mrs. Reichard has been employed by the College since August 16, 2013.
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 A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received March 27, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel