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August 23, 2012

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Project 630-000-158

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received August 23, 2012 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 Laverdiere Construction, Inc.
2. The contract pertains to general contracting award for HVAC system upgrades at Western Illinois University.
3. Laverdiere Construction, Inc. was selected using Competitive Sealed Bid.
4. The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Laverdiere Construction, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Nancy Laverdiere, spouse, Western Illinois University, Web Specialist II (Library Assistant) in Malpass Library, start date 2/23/1998, she does not earn more than \$106,447.20 annually, she is wife of Jack Laverdiere (president and sole director of Laverdiere Construction Inc).
5. Illinois Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. 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 Illinois Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with Laverdiere Construction, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received August 23, 2012.

Sincerely,

Will Blount
Assistant Director

CC: EEC General Counsel

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