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June 4, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 810-076-013

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received June 4, 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 Planera Architects, Inc.

2) The contract pertains to various capital Improvements to Prairie State college.

3) Planera Architects, Inc was selected via qualifications based selection.

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Planera Architects, Inc indicates the following:

   a. Mario Planera is a volunteer member of the village of Homewood Planning Commission. There is no compensation.

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 Planera Architects, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received June 4, 2014.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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