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November 21, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 120-175-130

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received November 21, 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 prime vendor Red Dot Construction & Equipment Rental, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) Red Dot Construction & Equipment Rental, Inc was selected via competitive sealed bids.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Red Dot Construction & Equipment Rental, Inc indicates the following:
 - a. Tammi Schroeder, spouse of Kurt Schroeder, 100% owner of Red Dot, served on the Chester Community Unit School District # 139 School Board from April 2009 until March 2014. Mrs. Schroder did not make any procurement decisions or receive any income in this capacity.
- 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 Red Dot Construction & Equipment Rental, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received November 21, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Carter". The signature is written over a horizontal line and extends above and below it with several loops and a long tail stroke.

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel