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December 10, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 630-000-174

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received December 10, 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 Laverdiere Construction.

2) The contract pertains to construction related services.

3) Laverdiere Construction was selected via competitive sealed bids.

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Laverdiere Construction indicates the following:

   a. John Laverdiere has disclosed that his spouse worked at the Western Illinois University Library as a Library Assistant. Mrs. Laverdiere does not earn an income in excess of 60% of the Governor's salary. She retired in August of 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 Laverdiere Construction for the services outlined in your letter received December 10, 2014.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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