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February 17, 2015

Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
377C Stratton Office Building
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Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Subcontract for Contract #15000910

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received February 17, 2015 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 Hanson Professional Services, Inc, subcontractor of Legat Architects, Inc.

2) The contract pertains to architectural/engineering services.

3) Hanson Professional Services, Inc was selected via contractor-subcontractor agreement.

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Hanson Professional Services, Inc indicates the following:

   a. Thomas Bartolomucci's spouse, Beth Bartolomucci, has been employed by the Illinois State Police since February 1997 as a Public Service Administrator, Option III/Computer Programmer. Her annual salary is greater than $106,447.20. She does not appear to have purchasing authority that could impact this project.
   b. John Harms retired from Hanson Professional Services, Inc. January 3, 2012. John Harms was a member of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Structural Engineering Board from 1997 until June 30, 2014. Earnings from IDPR were less than $106,447.20 per year.
   c. John Coombe's son, Sean Coombe, has been employed as the Deputy Chief Legal Counsel with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller since September, 2011. His salary us less than $106,447.20.
   d. Judith Dittmer's spouse, Steve Dittmer, is self employed, Dittmer Painting and Decorating. His business has contractual employment with the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar. He earns less than $106,447.20.
   e. Douglas Dorsey's son, Ryan Dorsey, has been employed with the University of Illinois-Springfield since September 19, 2011 as an IT Support Associate. He earns less than $106,447.20 per year.
   f. Thomas Havenar's spouse, Helen Milito, has been employed by the SIU School of Medicine since March 2000 as an Accountant II Grants Accountant. She earns less than $106,447.20 per year.
   g. James Messmore's daughter, Lauren Messmore, has been employed by the Illinois House Republican Staff since December 17, 2012 as a Legislative Analyst. She earns less than $106,447.20 per year.
   h. Robert Stidham's spouse, Amy Stidham, is employed as an Official Court Reporter III for Judge J. Tobin since 1994. She earns less than $106,447.20 per year.
   i. Jeffrey Tatarek's spouse, Stacey Tatarek, has been employed by the Illinois Department of Revenue as a Tax Auditor since 1989. She earns less than $106,447.20 per year.
   j. Matthew Fletcher was an elected member if the Fulton County Board for a four year term ending December 1, 2012. Earnings from Fulton County were less than $106,447.20 per year.
   k. Charles Hagloch sold his shares May 24, 2012. Mr. Hagloch has been an elected member of the Cass County Board since 1996. Earnings from Cass County were less than $106,447.20 per year.
   l. James Moll has been an Alderman on the Leland Grove City Council since February 27, 2013. Earnings from Leland Grove are less than $106,447.20 per year and he does not appear to have any purchasing authority that could impact this project.

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m. Matthew Fletcher is appointed to the Fulton County Zoning Board of Appeals beginning January 2014. Earnings from Fulton County are less than $106,447.20 per year.
n. Jeffrey's Ball father, Ernest Ball, has served on the Sangamon County East Side Fire Protection District Board of Trustees since July 2007. Earnings from the Fire Protection District are less than $106,447.20 per year.
o. Charles Hagloch sold his share May 24, 2012. Mr. Hagloch's daughter, Regina Walker, has been a member of the Cass County Zoning Board since September 2008. Earnings from Cass County are less than $106,447.20 per year and he does not appear to have any purchasing authority that could impact this project.

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 Legat Architects, Inc from entering into a subcontract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc for the services outlined in your letter received February 17, 2015.

Sincerely,

Aaron Carter
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel

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