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March 12, 2015

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 630-466-009

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received March 11, 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 prime vendor Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. was selected via competitive sealed bids.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. indicates the following:
  - a. Thomas Wayne Rennels, father of Davis-Houk employee Chris Rennels, is employed as a plumber at Eastern Illinois University. Chris Rennels has a 25% ownership interest in the vendor.
  - b. Sue Rennels, mother of Davis-Houk employee Chris Rennels, holds the elective office of Coles County Clerk. Chris Rennels has a 25% ownership interest in the vendor.
- 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 Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received March 11, 2015.

Sincerely,



Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel