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April 21, 2015

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 102-704-050

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received April 21, 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 Oates Associates, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) Oates Associates, Inc. was selected via qualifications based selection.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Oates Associates, Inc. indicates the following:
 - a. Lora Rensing, spouse of Jeffrey Rensing, 6.8% owner, is employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation's District 8 Office as the Local Roads Engineer at an annual salary less than 60% of the salary of the Governor.
- 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 Oates Associates, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received April 21, 2015.

Sincerely,

Will Blount
Interim Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel