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September 18, 2014

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 546-250-018

Dear Mr. Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received September 18, 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 Heartland Mechanical Contractors.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) Heartland Mechanical Contractors. was selected via competitive sealed bids.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of Heartland Mechanical Contractors. indicates the following:
  - a. Mara Williams, spouse of Ted Williams, 100% owner with Heartland Mechanical Contractors. Inc., is a Local Office Administrator in Randolph County for the Department of Human Service; her salary is approximately \$46,000.
- 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 Heartland Mechanical Contractors. for the services outlined in your letter received September 18, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Carter", is written over a circular stamp or seal. The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract.

Aaron Carter  
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel