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October 14, 2015

Ms. Lorri Lawton
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
377C Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, 630-255-003 Plumbing

Dear Ms. Lawton,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received October 13, 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 A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) The vendor was selected via competitive sealed bids.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the vendor indicates the following:
 - a. Patricia Reichard, spouse of Jon Reichard, 25% owner, is recently employed by the University Of Illinois Chicago College Of Nursing as a Clinical Instructor since 2013. Patricia Reichard earns less than 60% of the Governor's salary.
 - b. Benjamin Reichard, son of Jon Reichard, 25% owner, is a State Trooper for the Illinois State Police since 2013. Benjamin Reichard earns less than 60% of the Governor's salary.
- 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 Lawton 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 the above-named vendor.

Sincerely,

Will Blount
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel