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November 10, 2015

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

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest, Subcontract for 810-056-025

Dear Ms. Lawton,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received November 10, 2015 and understand the facts to be as follows:

- 1) The Illinois Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by Southfield Corporation, parent entity of Menconi Terrazzo LLC, subcontractor of Path Construction Company.
- 2) The contract pertains to construction related services.
- 3) The subcontractor was selected via contractor-subcontractor agreement.
- 4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of the subcontractor indicates the following:
 - a. William Hanson, spouse of Kim Hanson, Southfield Corporation shareholder, was formerly (until April 2015) a City of Palos Hills, IL elected Alderman for Ward #3, with compensation less than 60% of the salary of the Governor per year.
- 5) The Agency confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Agency 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 above-named prime vendor from entering into a subcontract with the above-named subcontractor.

Sincerely,

Will Blount
Executive Director

Cc: EEC General Counsel