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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION VIOLATION OF PROCUREMENT CODE

1. Statutory Authority: Section 50-37 of the Illinois Procurement Code, 30 ILCS 500/50-37, prohibits business entities with contracts and solicitations worth in excess of $50,000 in combined annual value pending with a given officeholder responsible for awarding the contracts from making campaign contributions to campaign committees established to promote the candidacy of the officeholder or any other declared candidate for that office. The prohibition also extends to contributions made by various affiliated persons and businesses of a business entity that is subject to the prohibition. Section 50-37 requires that notice of violation of the prohibition and the penalty imposed is to be published in the Illinois Register.

2. Name of Contributor: John Gardner, an affiliated person of Oberlander Electric.

3. Date of Violation: July 14, 2014

4 Description of Violation: John Gardner, an affiliated person of the business entity Oberlander Electric, made a contribution of $250.00 to Citizens for Rauner, Inc., a campaign committee established to support the gubernatorial candidacy of Bruce Rauner. At the time of the contribution, Bruce Rauner was a declared candidate for the office of governor, and Oberlander Electric had in place active contracts with the State of Illinois, the total annual combined value of which was in excess of $50,000.

5. Summary of Action Taken by the Agency: Section 50-37 provides that State contracts with a business entity that violates the campaign contribution prohibition are voidable at the discretion of the chief procurement officer. The Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Transportation, Highway Construction has notified Oberlander Electric of the apparent violation, and has considered the value, status, and necessity of the contracts. In addition, the Chief Procurement Officer has taken into consideration the recognition by Oberlander Electric of the violation and their understanding of the necessity to avoid such situations in the future. The Chief Procurement Officer finds that voiding affected contracts, bids or proposals would not be in the best interest of the State.

As required by Section 50-37(e) of the Procurement Code, Citizens for Rauner, is required to pay to the State an amount equal to the value of the contribution within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

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