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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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: Craig R. Baum, Core Construction Services of Illinois, Inc.
3. Date of Violation: January 14, 2010.
4. Description of Violation: Craig R. Baum, an affiliated person of the business entity Core Construction Services of Illinois, Inc., made a contribution of \$200.00 to Proft for Governor, a campaign committee established to support the election of Dan Proft to Governor. At the time of the contribution, Dan Proft was a declared candidate for the office of Governor, and Core Construction Services of Illinois, Inc. had a contract with the Capital Development Board valued at over \$30,000,000 for a project at Eastern Illinois University, CDB Project Number 815-010-062. The prohibition and repayment of the contribution was addressed in a previous action related to Craig R. Baum being an affiliated person of Otto Baum Company, in a procurement involving the Otto Baum Company. Because he is an affiliated person of both entities, the prohibition applies to each entity.
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 Capital Development Board has notified the entity of the apparent violation, reviewed responsive material, and has considered the value, status, and necessity of the contracts. In addition, the Chief Procurement Officer has taken into consideration the recognition by the entities 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. Because repayment has been made, notice to Proft for Governor is not being made.

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