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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION SHIRLEY WEBB 401 S SPRING ST RM 513 SPRINGFIELD, IL 62706

Dear SHIRLEY WEBB

Your rules Listed below met our codification standards and have been published in Volume 41, Issue 28 of the Illinois Register, dated 7/14/2017.

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Notice of Public Information

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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION VIOLATION OF PROCUREMENT CODE

- 1. <u>Statutory Authority:</u> 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. <u>Name of Contributor</u>: Gordon Food Service, Inc.
- 3. <u>Date of Violation</u>: December 19, 2013
- Description of Violation: Gordon Food Service, Inc. made a contribution of \$2,500.00 to "Tracy for Lt. Governor", a campaign committee established to support the election of Jill Tracy to public office. Jill Tracy was a declared candidate for Lieutenant Governor on November 25, 2013. At the time that Gordon Food Service, Inc. made the contribution it was prohibited from doing so on the basis of its contracts, bids and/or offers exceeding the \$50,000 annual total.
- 5. <u>Summary of Action Taken by the Agency</u>: 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 Public Institutions of Higher Education has notified Gordon Food Service, Inc. of the apparent violation, reviewed responsive material provided by Gordon Food Service, Inc. and has considered the value, status, and necessity of the contracts. In addition, the Officer has taken into consideration the recognition by Gordon Food Service, Inc. of the violation and their understanding of the necessity to avoid such situations in the future. We find 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, Tracy for Lt. Governor, 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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