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Re: Correspondence with the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 60 of the Quincy Veterans' Home Rehabilitation and Rebuilding Act (Act), which requires the Capital Development Board (CDB) to "provide the General Assembly with unredacted copies of all correspondence and communications with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs related to securing funding for the renovation, restoration, rehabilitation, or rebuilding of the Quincy Veterans' Home" (330 ILCS 21/60).

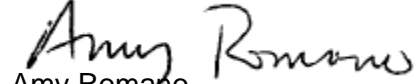
CDB has been working closely with the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs (IDVA) to assist IDVA obtain federal reimbursement grant funding from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) for design and construction work at IDVA facilities completed under CDB contracts.

This report relates to two separate series of communications. Both involve CDB project 040-010-115, which rehabilitates the campus at the Quincy Veterans' Home. The project is scheduled to receive federal reimbursement grant funds from the USDVA. Certain project documentation is required by the USDVA in order for the project to qualify for a federal reimbursement grant. The first communications are emails between staff from IDVA, USDVA, CDB, and the design team working on the CDB project. In the emails, IDVA staff asks USDVA staff how to access the portal that tracks projects for federal reimbursement. The emails are dated February 2, 2023-February 7, 2023. A copy of the emails is attached. CDB apologizes for the delay in reporting these emails. It was assumed there would be additional communications on this topic to report, but none were forthcoming.

The second series of communications are notes and emails from a meeting on February 21, 2023, between staff from IDVA, USDVA, CDB, the project design team, and the general contractor for the project. During the meeting, USDVA encouraged IDVA to submit billing applications for the reimbursement grant funds for the project. USDVA's inspection of the project was also discussed. Emails and the meeting invite are attached.

Should you need any additional information regarding this report, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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