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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, 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 in obtaining 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. On February 22, 2021, a conference call was held between staff from CDB, IDVA, USDVA, and CDB design firms to discuss the construction of a new nursing home and domiciliary at the Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy (CDB project no. 040-010-115). This project would qualify for federal reimbursement from the USDVA. The primary purpose of the conference call was to discuss federal historic preservation requirements. Specifically, CDB, IDVA, and the CDB design firms sought direction from the USDVA representative on how to comply with these requirements.

A copy of the attendance list and meeting minutes is attached.



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CDB apologizes that this report is untimely. Additionally, the attached meeting minutes reference an earlier conversation between the USDVA, CDB, and IDVA that discussed historic preservation requirements at another CDB project site on the Quincy Veterans' Home campus that qualifies for federal reimbursement (Hammond Hall). That meeting occurred around April, 2020, and is being reported by CDB for the first time in this report. CDB staff has been reminded of the time frames for reporting such communications.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Romano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Jim Underwood, CDB Executive Director