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Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
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Mr. Daley:

Due to recent circumstances at Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), on April 5, 2023, I was temporarily named Interim Director for the DED. I believe the Administration is working on a more long-term plan.

On November 9, 2022, the DED issued an RFP for a non-profit to assist the Department with an Internship program. On March 17, 2023, the Department entered in a contract with Aksarben Foundation to operate an internship program.

I became aware of and applied for the Executive Director position for Internship programs with Aksarben Foundation. I interviewed two times, and was offered the position on Friday, March 31, 2023. I accepted the position on Sunday, April 2nd.

I want to make clear that I did not have any involvement with the Aksarben Foundation application/proposal. Also, the DED through the RFP sought both regional and statewide bids. I did not have a role in scoring applications. My work was to help our two organizations work to create a relationship for how the two organizations would function. That work is ongoing and I have removed myself from all aspects of DED involvement with the program.

While I am still working at Nebraska Department of Economic Development, all matters within DED related to Aksarben Foundation and an Internship program will be managed by Joseph Lauber, Chief Legal Counsel; Joe Fox, Business Development Division Director; and Rose Baker, Talent Manager.

I intend to begin my work with Aksarben on May 1, 2023. Do I have any responsibility with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission with regards to my position with DED and my next position with Aksarben foundation?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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