



Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion

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Honorable Members of the General Assembly and Governor:

As codified in 30 ILCS 500/55-25, the State Procurement Task Force (Task Force) was formed, effective May 6, 2022. By statute, the Task Force shall survey the State procurement process and make recommendations to: (i) ensure that the process is equitable and efficient; (ii) provide departments with the flexibility needed to be successful; (iii) change the current structure of the procurement process; (iv) update the process to reflect modern procurement methods; (v) increase women-owned and minority-owned business participation; (vi) increase participation by Illinois vendors; and (vii) reduce costs and increase efficiency of State procurements.

Background:

Prior to 2010, procurement was overseen by State agencies through Central Management Services (CMS) and by each university. The General Assembly passed Senate Bill 51 (collectively referenced to P.A. 96-795 and P.A. 96-920). Through passage of this bill, the General Assembly created four independent Chief Procurement Officers (General Services, Capital Development Board, Transportation, and institutions of higher education) who are appointed by the Executive Ethics Commission and confirmed by the Senate¹.

In 2021, the passage of Public Acts 101-0657 and 102-0029 also implemented wide-sweeping changes to the Procurement Code and Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act to increase the diversity of businesses contracting with the State and establish policies and commissions that strive to increase economic opportunity for all Illinois residents, regardless of race or background. These Acts also created the Commission on Equity and Inclusion, which has broad oversight authority over State procurements and was also granted jurisdiction over the Business Enterprise Program, which was previously housed in the Department of CMS.

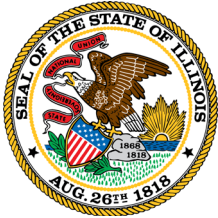
Current:

In compliance with the Illinois Procurement Code 30 ILCS 500/55-25, the Commission on Equity and Inclusion reports that below members have been appointed to the State Procurement Task Force.

Member	Date of Appointment
Sen. Neil Anderson	5/20/2022
Sen. John Curran	5/20/2022
Sen. Dale Fowler	5/20/2022
Sen. Scott Bennett	6/7/2022
Sen. Cristina Castro	6/7/2022
Sen. Napoleon Harris III	6/7/2022
Sen. Adriane Johnson	6/7/2022
Kevin Artl	6/28/2022
Rep. Jeff Keicher	6/28/2022
Kim Robinson	6/28/2022

Member	Date of Appointment
Raven DeV Vaughn	8/19/2022
Rep. Nicholas Smith	8/19/2022
Rep. Katie Stuart	8/19/2022
Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer	8/29/2022
Sara Boeckman	9/1/2022
Aaron Carter	9/1/2022
Michael Vozas	9/1/2022
Matt Brown	9/7/2022
Jessica Ashley Garmon	9/7/2022
Heather Wier Vaught	9/7/2022

¹ The CPO for IDOT is appointed by Secretary of IDOT with consent of the EEC.



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Rep. Dan Swanson	6/28/2022
Van Austin	8/5/2022
Sandi Llano	8/9/2022
Margaret van Dijk	8/12/2022
Rep. William Davis	8/19/2022
Rep. Eva Dina Delgado	8/19/2022

Member	Date of Appointment
Deborah Cortez	9/9/2022
Ellen Daley	9/13/2022
Chris McCord	9/28/2022
Jaemie Neely	9/30/2022
Kellye Keyes	By Statute

Once all members were appointed to the State Procurement Task Force, the body met on October 27, 2022 to discuss the purpose of the Task Force and potential operational matters (future meeting dates, bylaws, required trainings, etc.) in furtherance of its statutory mandate to propose recommendations to:

- (i) alter the current structure and number of Chief Procurement Officers;
- (ii) enact or modify cure periods in the Procurement Code that allow a potentially successful vendor to correct technical deficiencies in the vendor's bid;
- (iii) enact measures that increase efficiency, modernization, or reduce costs within the procurement system; and
increase women-owned and minority-owned business participation. The body has met and commenced its work.

The Task Force will meet at a regular cadence to study, develop, and finalize recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to further current efforts to ensure the policies and practices of the State support competition, equity, efficiency, integrity, and uniformity in procurement.

Respectfully,

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