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HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created a House Task Force on the Illinois Procurement Code for the purpose of examining the bidding process on State of Illinois contracts, particularly on the preference given to Illinois businesses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House Task Force on the Illinois Procurement Code shall consist of the following members:

- (1) A chairperson who is a member of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (2) 4 members of the House, 2 of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House and 2 of whom are appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- (3) 2 staff members of the Department of Central Management Services appointed by the Director of Central Management Services; and
- (4) 2 staff members of the Procurement Policy Board appointed by the Procurement Policy Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members shall serve on a voluntary basis and shall be responsible for any costs associated with their participation in the House Task Force; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That all members of the House Task Force shall be
2 considered to be members with voting rights, that a quorum of
3 the House Task Force shall consist of a simple majority of the
4 members of the House Task Force, and that all actions and
5 recommendations of the House Task Force be approved by a simple
6 majority of the members of the House Task Force; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the House Task Force shall conduct a survey
9 of State contracts awarded over the course of a calendar year
10 that includes, but is not limited to, the following findings:

11 (1) how many contracts went to Illinois companies
12 during the calendar year;

13 (2) in the cases that an out-of-state company received
14 a contract instead of an Illinois company that bid on the
15 same contract, why the Illinois company did not receive the
16 contract;

17 (3) the difference in bids between companies that
18 received a State contract and those companies that did not
19 receive a State contract;

20 (4) the difference in the bid specifications process
21 between in-state and out-of-state companies; and

22 (5) the benefits to the State of awarding contracts to
23 Illinois companies instead of out-of-state companies; and
24 be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House Task Force on the Illinois
2 Procurement Code shall meet at the call of the chairperson and
3 shall summarize its findings and recommendations in a report to
4 the House no later than September 1, 2008.