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Capital Development Board

Chief Procurement Office, CDB small business participation report, FY 2020

In FY 2020, 247 Capital Development Board contracts were awarded to small businesses—68% of all CDB contracts. Spending on those contracts was \$93.2 million—50% of total CDB spending of about \$186.3 million. (These amounts exclude subcontractors.) CDB does not set aside contracts for small businesses, because its percentage of contracts with small businesses continually exceeds the 10% statewide goal. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Nov. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 2 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of

Hiring of formerly incarcerated persons by state vendors, FY 2020

All state bid invitations must encourage state vendors to hire formerly incarcerated persons, and vendors must self-report on those employed. CMS emailed over 1,800 vendors having current state contracts; 222 responded. Twenty-one vendors reported hiring 97 formerly

incarcerated persons. CMS continues to explore alternative methods to gather data and encourage vendors to self-report. (30 ILCS 500/45-70; undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 2 pp.)

State employee child care centers annual report, 2020

Illinois has two on-site child care centers for employees' children, one in Springfield and one in Chicago. The Chicago center (in the Bilandic Building) cares for children ages 2 through 12; in addition to year-round care, it also provides a summer camp for school-aged children. Average enrollment is 62 and there is a waiting list. The Springfield center (in the Willard Ice Building) cares for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Average enrollment is 30 and there is a long waiting list. Both centers closed for about 2 months due to COVID-19; enrollments continue to increase as employees return to workplaces. State employees can use flexible spending accounts for child care costs. In 2020, about 2,222 employees (statewide) contributed over \$8.2 million to their flex-spending accounts. (30 ILCS 590/3; undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 4 pp.)

State printing report summary, FY 2020

CMS reports that 1,587 copies of state agency annual reports were printed in FY 2020 at a total cost of \$4,465. The number of agencies getting reports printed at outside printers has greatly declined—primarily because online publication is becoming the preferred method for report distribution. (30 ILCS 500/25-55; undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 2 pp.)

Children and Family Services, Dept. of

Administration of psychotropic medications to children, FY 2020

DCFS reports annually on the prescription by doctors, or administration by facilities, of psychotropic drugs to children in foster care without the DCFS Guardian's consent (in violation of the law). There were 34 violations in FY 2020, comprising 40 medications that were out of compliance. For the 20,237 psychotropic medication requests in FY 2020, the compliance rate was 99.8%. Some 75.1% were approved as written, 12.7% approved as modified, 9.9% rescinded by

providers, and 2.3% denied. (20 ILCS 535/15; Dec. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 2 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of

High Impact Business Designation
Ford County Wind Farm, LLC was designated as an Illinois High Impact Business/Wind Energy Business for Ford County Wind Farm. This entitles it to a business material tax exemption for up to 20 years. (20 ILCS 655/5.5(h); Nov. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 3 pp.)

Illinois film tax credit annual report, FY 2020

Film production created 22,094 jobs (excluding vendors) plus 15,715 jobs for extras. There were 15,959 technical crew and office staff (29% nonwhite and 19% white females). The report estimates \$178.8 million in qualified vendor expenses, \$269.1 million in qualified wages, \$447.8 million in total qualified expenses, and issuance of 351 tax credits. (35 ILCS 16/45(c); undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 21 pp.)

Live Theater Tax Credit annual report, FY 2020

DCEO reports no live theater production spending or hiring in FY 2020. (35 ILCS 17/10-50(c); undated, rec'd Jan. 2021, 1 pp.)

Report to the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, December 2020

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois plan for responding to COVID-19,

including support of businesses, residents, and local governments. Under Local CURES (Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Support Program), \$250 million is available for COVID-19 spending by local governments outside of Cook, Lake, Will, Kane, and DuPage counties; governments must complete application steps. As of November 30, \$92.3 million had been paid to 362 local governments and \$43.4 million was under review for 399 governments; 297 governments had not yet certified or registered in the portal; and 139 had certified but had not yet registered there. An appendix lists those governments, their statuses, and how much each one may receive. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045(c); Dec. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 9 pp. + 1 appendix)

Urban Weatherization program, FY 2020

The Urban Weatherization program is designed to offer work opportunities and reduce energy use in urban households by weatherization. It has not been funded since FY 2016; no new grants have been issued since then. (30 ILCS 738/40-40(h); Dec. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 1 p.)

State Board of Education

Comprehensive Strategic Plan for Elementary and Secondary Education, 2020-2023

The Board's priorities in the plan are framed around four primary goals: (1) equity, (2) student learning, (3) good learning

conditions, and (4) elevating educators. The report includes background information, strategies, and related success measures for each goal. (105 ILCS 5/2-3.47a(b); issued & rec'd Jan. 2021, 32 pp.)

State Universities Retirement System

Economic Opportunity Investments, FY 2020

As of June 30, 2020, the value of SURS investments was \$19.5 billion. The report lists how those funds are invested in, and by, Illinois-based companies and managers. About \$555 million (2.84% of the fund total) was in Illinois investments: \$211 million (1.08%) was public equity holdings in Illinois-based companies; \$40 million (0.21%) was fixed-income holdings in such companies; \$92 million (0.47%) was in Illinois-based real estate investments; and \$212 million (1.09%) was invested in Illinois-based private equity partnerships. SURS employed 10 Illinois-based investment managers to manage \$3.1 billion (15.9% of the fund total). In FY 2019, SURS paid \$551,451 in equity trade commissions to Illinois-based brokers (19.78% of all commissions); the market value of fixed-income trades by those brokers was \$2.2 billion. SURS also paid \$3.5 million in fees to Illinois-based consultants and vendors. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c); Aug. 2020, rec'd Jan. 2021, 1 p. + 4 exhibits)

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