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Capital Development Board *Chief Procurement Office, CDB small business participation report, FY 2023*

In FY 2023, 502 Capital Development Board contracts (35% of all CDB contracts) went to small businesses. Spending on those contracts was \$115.5 million—14% of total CDB spending of \$808 million. (These amounts do not include spending on subcontractors.) CDB does not set aside contracts for small businesses, because its contracts with them continually exceed the 10% statewide goal. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Oct. 2023, rec'd Nov. 2023, 2 pp.)

Central Management Services, Dept. of *Child care flex time biennial report, 2023*

The report summarizes how CMS allows flexible scheduling to minimize employees' need for child day care. Approximately 571 CMS employees now have flexible work schedules. (20 ILCS 415/9; March 2023, rec'd Sept. 2023, 3 pp.)

State-owned & surplus real property, FY 2023

Ten properties totaling almost 945 acres have been declared surplus. They are available for transfer to state agencies, or to local governments in counties where they are located. Additional information is given on other state-owned property. (30 ILCS 605/7.1(b)); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 3 pp. + 4 files on disc)

Commerce Commission *Natural gas markets development, 2023*

There are 51 certified alternative gas suppliers (AGS) in Illinois; 83 AGS actively served customers in 2022. Those numbers differ because large volume transportation (LVT) suppliers are not required to be certified. Illinois' four utility service territories are served by Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, North Shore Gas, and Ameren Illinois. All except Ameren have small volume transportation (SVT) programs allowing residential and small commercial customers to select suppliers.

The report describes current market competition and use of AGS in both LVT and SVT markets. LVT suppliers served over 30,000 large commercial and industrial customers. SVT suppliers served over 220,000 residential and 55,000 small commercial customers. The report makes no legislative recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/19-130; issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 22 pp.)

*Transportation Regulatory
Fund annual report, FY 2023*
The Fund had income of \$14.5 million (\$7.5 million from motor carriers and \$7 million from railroads), and spent almost \$13.4 million (\$6.3 million for motor carriers and \$7.1 million for railroads). The report also lists all staff positions paid by the Fund, and methods used to allocate funds. (625 ILCS 5/18c-1604; issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 10 pp.)

Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Dept. of
*Good Samaritan Energy Trust
Fund annual report, 2023*
The Fund collects money to

help low-income households buy energy. In 2022, only 25 cents was deposited into the Fund. Its May 2023 balance was about \$14,547. The report summarizes issues preventing DCEO from achieving the Fund's goals, and recommends that it be abolished. (305 ILCS 22/35; May 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 8 pp.)

Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission report, Oct. 2023

The report describes actions under the Restore Illinois Plan for responding to COVID-19, including support to businesses, residents, and local governments. A further \$156 million in Back to Business grants is going to restaurants, hotels, and creative arts organizations. Payment of a sixth round of Child Care Restoration Grants has begun. Since 2019, DCEO has spent nearly \$10 million in state and federal funds to expand registered apprenticeship programs; 26 new ones were registered in the first quarter of 2023. The Asylum Seekers Emergency Rental Assistance program has distributed \$13.5 million in one-time grants to applicants for up to 3 months of rent assistance. Three rounds of emergency mortgage assistance through the Illinois Housing Development Authority have provided \$360.5 million to help 24,719 homeowners. (20 ILCS 605/605-1045.1(c); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 8 pp.)

Criminal Justice Information Authority

Annual report, FY 2022

The Authority administered 24 federal and state grant programs in FY 2022, including Victims of Crime Act grants (\$87.8 million); Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program grants (\$4.3 million); and Violence Against Women Act grants (\$4.6 million). It administers Adult Redeploy Illinois and the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew program (using cannabis tax revenue to reduce gun violence and improve outcomes in the criminal justice system). The report also lists articles the Authority published in FY 2022 and gives fiscal information on the Authority. (20 ILCS 3930/7; April 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 29 pp.)

Healthcare and Family Services, Dept. of

Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act progress report, 2022

Under the Act, agencies must report demographic information on participants in their major programs. The report gives data on race, ethnicity, age, primary or preferred language, sex, and disability status of participants in DHFS's Child Support Services and Medicaid programs. DHFS will continue working to collect data on indigeneity, gender identity, sexual orientation, and more specific race and ethnicity

categories. (20 ILCS 65/20-15(f); June 2022, rec'd Oct. 2023, 5 pp.)

Illinois Power Agency

Annual report, FY 2022

IPA developed and implemented its annual electricity procurement plan and conducted scheduled procurement events. Spring 2022 energy procurement did not meet targeted volumes; supplemental energy procurement was used for the first time in the IPA's history. The scheduled fall 2022 capacity procurement for Ameren Illinois was cancelled due to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission decision; an additional capacity procurement in February 2023 was expected to make up for the cancellation. Enactment of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act prompted the IPA to update practices and implement measures that further ensure equity, diversity, and labor standards in the clean energy industry. The report has detailed information on the IPA's procurement contracts, and an unaudited financial statement. (20 ILCS 3855/1-125; Feb. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 74 pp. + 2 appendices)

Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission

Biennial report, 2021-22

Goals of the Commission include attracting and retaining academic centers of excellence, viable medical facilities, and emerging high technology

enterprises. In 2021-22 the Commission partnered with major area medical providers, education and training institutions, and neighborhood associations to support consolidation of Springfield rail traffic, opening of a new YMCA, and development of the UIS Innovation Center. Plans include helping to complete a Master Plan for downtown Springfield and the District; working with partners to encourage medicine-related industries to locate in the District; and identifying housing development opportunities in the District. The report lists challenges for the Commission, including limited financial and staff resources. (70 ILCS 925/10(f); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 4 pp.)

Public Health, Dept. of

Opioid overdose semiannual report—2022 final data

This report gives final 2022 data on opioid overdose deaths of Illinois residents. Such deaths rose 8.2% from 3,013 in 2021 to 3,261 in 2022. The report also has monthly and 12-month rolling averages of such deaths in 2020 to 2022. Fatal synthetic opioid overdoses in Illinois youths aged 13 to 17 rose from 3 in 2020 to 14 in 2021, but fell to 11 in 2022. (210 ILCS 85/6.14g(d); Oct. 2023, rec'd Nov. 2023, 16 pp.)

Resentencing Task Force

Final report, 2022

The 17-member task force met over 11 months and held 8 public meetings. Its final report

makes 16 recommendations. They include that the General Assembly create prospective and retroactive resentencing opportunities; define parties who may initiate resentencing petitions; and issue eligibility criteria for sentence modification. (20 ILCS 4100/15(b); Dec. 2022, rec'd Sept. 2023, 21 pp. + appendix)

State Board of Education

Administration of undesignated asthma medication, 2022-23

Schools reported 399 administrations of asthma medication from stock supplies: 387 by metered dose inhalers, 11 by nebulizers, and 1 unspecified. Doses went to students (390) and staff (6); recipients of 3 were unspecified. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 5 pp.)

Schools administering undesignated opioid antagonist, school year 2022-23

Schools reported administering 10 doses of opioid antagonist (antidote) from stock supplies in 2022-23: 9 at conventional public schools and 1 at a charter school. No school reported more than 1 administration. Antagonist was administered to students by registered nurses or other school personnel in all cases. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 3 pp.)

School mandate waiver requests, fall 2023

The report summarizes 59 waiver requests—14 approved by ISBE, 25 transmitted to the General Assembly, 19

withdrawn or returned, and 1 deemed ineligible. Requests are classified by topic and legislative action; relevant statutes are listed. The most common waiver topics were: nonresident tuition (8 transmitted, 17 withdrawn or returned, 1 ineligible); school improvement (12 approved, 1 withdrawn or returned); driver education (5 transmitted, 1 approved); and physical education (5 transmitted, 1 withdrawn or returned). (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g); issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 25 pp.)

Undesignated epinephrine use, school year 2022-23

Reports of 151 administrations of undesignated epinephrine were made by 109 public schools and 18 nonpublic schools—either from stock supplies or by self-administration. The most uses (40) were reported by Chicago School District 299. Seventy-five students and 12 staff members who received epinephrine had previous diagnoses of severe allergy. The report includes age and allergy trigger information. (105 ILCS 5/22-30(j); issued & rec'd Sept. 2023, 7 pp.)

State Board of Investment

Economic opportunity investments, FY 2023

The Board's investments in Illinois companies were worth \$482.8 million (1.99% of its total controlled assets). That consisted of \$292.8 million in public equity and fixed income; \$118.3 million in private equity;

and \$71.8 million in real estate investments. Illinois-based investment managers controlled \$674.3 million (2.77%) of assets entrusted to the Board. (40 ILCS 5/1A-108.5(c)); Aug. 2023, rec'd Oct. 2023, 19 pp.)

State Police, Illinois

FOID Card Review Board monthly report, Sept. 2023, amended

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or whose cards are revoked. In September the Board received 54 cases. It granted relief in 36 cases and denied relief in 5; 12 were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); issued & rec'd Nov. 2023, 1 pp.)

**Transportation, Dept. of
Chief Procurement Office
*exempt contracts report, FY 2023***

IDOT's contracts exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code included buying 94 parcels for \$13.9 million. In addition, it had 54 land acquisition legal services contracts, 126 railroad agreements, and 68 utility agreements that are continuing. IDOT did not make any public-private partnership agreements in FY 2023. (30 ILCS 500/1-10(b); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 2 pp.)

*Chief Procurement Office,
IDOT small business
contracting report, FY 2023*
IDOT reported total FY 2023 spending on construction projects of almost \$2.35 billion, including about \$234

million (10%) in 543 contracts with small businesses. The average small business contract was for \$430,967. IDOT's FY 2024 small business compliance plan has been submitted and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer, with suggestions for IDOT to consider. (30 ILCS 500/45-45(f); Oct. 2023, rec'd Nov. 2023, 2 pp.)

**Treasurer, Office of the
*Small business set-aside annual report, FY 2023***

The Treasurer's Office spent \$585,222 on contracts with small businesses in FY 2023, contracting with 62.5% more small businesses than in FY 2022. The report has details on the contracts and the Treasurer's policies for small business contracting. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); issued & rec'd Oct. 2023, 4 pp.)

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