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**2021 HISPANIC EMPLOYMENT PLAN SURVEY CERTIFICATION**

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This is to certify that the attached document represents the Hispanic Employment Plan Survey of this agency and that the agency head has reviewed and approved these responses.

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**2021 State Hispanic Employment Plan Survey**  
**Office of Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza**

Agency: Illinois Office of Comptroller

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1. As of June 30, 2020, provide the number of Hispanics employed within each of the following EEOC categories:

1 Officials and Managers

10 Professionals

         Technicians

         Protective Service Workers

1 Paraprofessionals

6 Office and Clerical

         Skilled Craft Workers

         Service-Maintenance

2. As of June 30, 2020, provide the number of funded positions within each of the following EEO categories:

70 Officials and Managers

56 Professionals

11 Technicians

\_\_\_\_\_ Protective Service Workers

58 Paraprofessionals

38 Office and Clerical

2 Skilled Craft Workers

\_\_\_\_\_ Service-Maintenance

NOTE: Any available headcount that may be below our authorized, funded number, is filled and funded based on a needs-assessment by Executive Leadership teams. Funding for positions may not be specifically designated to a category but may be a determining consideration to address underutilization.

3. As of June 30, 2020, provide the number of employees in Spanish-speaking option positions who receive bilingual pay employed within each of the following categories:

\_\_\_\_\_ Officials and Managers

2 Professionals

\_\_\_\_\_ Technicians

\_\_\_\_\_ Protective Service Workers

\_\_\_\_\_ Paraprofessionals

4 Office and Clerical

\_\_\_\_\_ Skilled Craft Workers

\_\_\_\_\_ Service-Maintenance

4. As of June 30, 2020, provide total number of agency employees on board; include full-time, part-time and employees on Leave of Absence:

235

5. As of June 30, 2020, provide the underutilization by category for Hispanics, as reported by your agency to the Department of Human Rights:

0 Officials and Managers

0 Professionals

0 Technicians

0 Protective Service Workers

1 Paraprofessionals

0 Office and Clerical

0 Skilled Craft Workers

0 Service-Maintenance

6. Were there any increases or decreases in the number of Hispanic employees within any of the categories from the prior fiscal year? If so, please provide specific details.

Overall, the number of Hispanic employees has increased by 1 since last reporting period. As of June 30, 2019, there were 1 Officials and Management, 5 Paraprofessional, 1 Technician, 3 Paraprofessional, and 7 Office and Clerical for a total of 17 Hispanic/Latino employees. As of June 30, 2020, there are 18 Hispanic/Latino employees (see question number 1).

7. How many Human Resources Staff does your agency have? 4

8. How many Human Resources staff are minorities? 1

9. How many employees, overall, vacated your agency due to resignation, retirement, layoff, termination or transfer during Fiscal Year 20?

20

a. Please list position titles vacated.

Positions Titles:

3 Accounting Professional  
1 Accounting Specialist  
2 Assistant Program Managers  
1 Auditor III-C  
2 Deputy Director  
1 Directors  
1 Legal Counsel  
1 Manager  
2 Office Associates  
1 Office Specialist  
1 Program Managers  
1 Public Service Administrators  
2 Public Service Administrator IT  
1 Senior Public Service Administrator

b. How many of those were Hispanic employees?

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c. Please list position titles that were vacated by Hispanic employees.

2 Assistant Program Managers and 1 Office Associate.

10. How many employees were hired during Fiscal Year 20 and in what titles?  
(Include new hires from an Open Competitive list, inter- and intra-agency transfers, promotions, voluntary reductions, lateral moves, etc.)

# of Hires: 28

a. Please list position titles hired.

Position titles:

1 Accounting Specialist  
2 Assistant Policy Advisor  
1 Assistant Program Manager  
1 Chief Economist  
1 Chief Legal Counsel  
1 Chief Procurement Officer  
1 Community Outreach  
2 Executive Assistant  
3 Information Technology Analyst

- 1 IT-Trainee
- 1 Legal Counsel
- 5 Office Associate
- 1 Program Coordinator
- 2 Program Managers
- 1 Project Coordinator
- 2 Public Service Administrator IT
- 2 Senior Public Service Administrator

b. How many of those were Hispanic employees? 4

c. Please list position titles hired with Hispanic employees.

Chief Economist, Legal Counsel, Assistant Policy Advisor and Information Technology Analyst.

11. How many student workers or interns did your agency hire in Fiscal Year 1? (Do not include Trainee titles.) 16

12. If your agency hired student workers or interns in Fiscal Year 20, how many were Hispanic? 4

13. How does your agency determine the number of Spanish language-speaking bilingual positions needed to insure accessibility for your Spanish language speaking public?

The Office of Human Resources reviews vacant positions to determine where positions would benefit by having Spanish-speaking staff. As part of this review, positions have been designated as Spanish-speaking and receivers of any inquiry from Spanish speaking callers. Further, the office provides additional compensation for employees in bi-lingual positions and those employees that may assist the Spanish-speaking public.

14. How does your agency assess bilingual skills when filling bilingual positions (Example; structured oral interview, written test)?

The Office of Human Resources utilizes an on-site bilingual employee to assist with verifying bilingual skills through basic reading and writing questionnaires along with performing basic conversational/communication skills as part of the interview process.

15. Describe the Agency's processes for communicating with Hispanic clients who are limited English speakers who seek services and/or advocacy by phone or in person.

These types of inquiries are assigned to a current bilingual employee who may either provide direct assistance or act as a translator to another employee who may provide the assistance.

16. Does your agency provide budget allocations for Hispanic Employment Programs? If yes, provide budget allocation for these programs:

The IOC does have a Bi-Lingual Stipend Program for those employees in positions that require bi-lingual needs, including Spanish-speaking positions. These positions are identified by conducting a needs-assessment within each department of the IOC. As needs are identified, budget resources are made available to support this program. However, the IOC does not specifically allocate resources to any one category, rather provides resources for recruitment and training overall. Additionally, resources may be made available to an employee who may be interested in participating in specific training associated with minority associations or programs.

17. What steps has your agency undertaken to ensure that all administrative staff responsible for hiring, interviewing, recruitment and EEO are complying with all legislative mandates of the Hispanic Employment Plan?

The EEO/AA Officer and the Director of Human Resources monitor and reviews hiring/promotional forms to ensure that qualified minorities, including Hispanics, are recruited and/or hired. Additionally, the EEO Officer communicates regularly with HR Director to report on addressing underutilization of protected classes.

18. List all agency activities undertaken in implementing the State Hispanic Employment Plan:

- a. Hispanic employment strategies (including employment, recruitment, internships, community linkages, etc.)

The IOC posts vacancies on the office intranet, internet, various educational institutions and social media outlets in effort to attract minority candidates. The IOC employs Community Outreach Liaisons to assist with disseminating employment opportunities, including internships, as part of their duties. Additionally, resources may be made available to an employee who may be interested in participating in specific training associated with minority associations or programs. The EEO Officer and Human Resources staff continue to attend career fairs and post vacancies to various sites to reach as many applicants as possible and the Human Resources Director continues to monitor and assess vacancies for bi-lingual needs.

- b. Promotional programs that provide Hispanic employees with career ladder enhancement, self-development training, or otherwise enhance your agency's ability to meet or increase the needs of your Hispanic public and your Hispanic employees.

The Office has a tuition reimbursement program for employees interested in furthering their education for increasing their job skills. The IOC also provides extensive training to its employees by participating in the Statewide Training Clearinghouse and the Department of Human Rights training. The IOC Leadership consistently encourages and supports all employees who may desire professional training and development opportunities, provides cross-training opportunities to enhance our workforce, and offers an internal “lead worker” opportunity as part of our collective bargaining agreement.

- c. Recommendations provided by Department of Human Rights, Central Management Services or the Auditor General:

No recommendations were provided. However, The EEO Officer will continue to nurture our relationships with various minority organizations to provide them with copies of job vacancy postings and will continue working collaboratively within the interview and selection processes to ensure qualified minorities are considered and/or hired.