



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

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Mr. John W. Hollman
Clerk of the House of Representatives
420 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

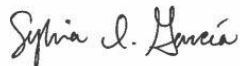
Dear Mr. Hollman:

As required by the State Services Assurance Act (5 ILCS 382/), the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity is reporting its bilingual employees. The Act requires agencies to report frontline, bilingual employees, which includes employee name, job title, job description and language(s) spoken.

Employee	Job Title	Job Description	Additional Language Spoken
Tony DeAssuncao	Manpower Planner 3	Performs rapid response and layoff aversion duties associated with the Workforce Investment and Trade Act Programs. Conducts on-site meetings with employers initiating or contemplating reductions in their labor force and provides rapid response or layoff aversion services authorized by the United States Department of Labor. Organizes and conducts outreach activities to partner organizations such as local chambers, community-based organizations, economic development corporations and other associated entities. Utilizes Spanish speaking skills to communicate workforce information for clients.	Spanish
Maria Delmar Gallardo	Executive 2	Organizes, plans, and directs the Energy Assistance programs; develops plans and program developments; establishes program grants; conducts management review and analysis of reports, plans, studies, and proposals. Translates information into Spanish for people who cannot read or understand English.	Spanish
Sonia Gerson	Office Coordinator	Performs complex, specialized support to the Illinois Entrepreneurship Network (EIN) Business Information Center (BIC); provides client services to business inquiries, research and determine client needs pertaining to business development; converses in Spanish to provide client services; types and prepares responses to client inquiries; contact and liaises with other state agencies to resolve problems for business owners and entrepreneurs; attend meetings, conferences and workshops to gain technical information and resources.	Spanish

Iwona Wegrzyn-Bochenska	Public Service Admin., Opt. PO1	Initiates, plans, evaluates and facilitates the creation of jobs in Illinois through the promotion of international trade. Based in the Office of Trade and Investment (OTI) Chicago Headquarters, serves as an International Trade Specialist with a primary focus on the European region. Serve other foreign market regions as OTI workload demands require. Provides international marketing assistance to Illinois' companies to export their products and services to the assigned region. Promotes Illinois as a location for foreign investment; utilizes Polish speaking skills to perform duties.	Polish
Christopher Sedgwick	Public Service Admin., Opt. SS1	Initiates, plans, evaluates and facilitates the creation of jobs in Illinois through the promotion of international trade. Based in the Office of Trade and Investment (OTI) Chicago Headquarters, serves as an International Trade Specialist with a primary focus on the America's region. Serve other foreign market regions as OTI workload demands require. Provides international marketing assistance to Illinois' companies to export their products and services to the assigned region. Promotes Illinois as a location for foreign investment; utilizes Spanish speaking skills to perform duties.	Spanish
Diana Alfaro	Sr. Public Service Admin., Opt. SS1	Formulates the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment Office (OMEE) strategic planning program, setting priorities for economic and business development for Latino business development; manages, develops and directs all economic development programs for Latino businesses, directs annual budget; supervises staff; develops partnerships with businesses and local governments to develop programs to promote economic development targeted to Latino business owners. Utilizes Spanish speaking skills to perform duties.	Spanish

Sincerely,



Sylvia I. Garcia
Acting Director