



ILLINOIS STATE SENATE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Don Harmon, Co-Chairperson
Pamela Althoff, Co-Chairperson

April 20, 2011

To Whom It May Concern,

The Senate Committee on Procurement has been charged with the task of studying all aspects of the State's procurement system, including, but not limited to: reporting of procurement communications, ensuring prudent communications with vendors regarding the execution of contracts, encouraging private enterprises to share expertise and ideas with the State, hearings regarding sole source contracts, and disclosures regarding subcontractors. The Committee must present a report of its findings to the Senate no later than May 16, 2011.

The Committee will begin public hearings on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in Springfield; the initial hearing will likely establish the Committee's purpose, future orders of business, procedures, and other organizational matters. In order to expedite our hearings, we request that your organization submit, in writing, (i) any new aspects of the procurement system which are working well, (ii) any aspects of the procurement system which your organization believes is in need of improvement and/or (iii) any suggested improvements to the system. We request that these initial statements be submitted to the Committee no later than close of business on Wednesday, April 27; these and other future statements may be placed on the Committee's ILGA website tab.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter and feel free to forward this letter to any groups you are associated with and contact us if you have any questions.

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