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### **Aging, Dept. on**

*Home delivered meals report, FY 2024*

The Department projected that more than 11.1 million meals would be delivered to 79,516 older adults in their homes in FY 2024, and an additional 1.5 million meals would be served to 56,255 older adults in congregate settings. In FY 2023, 2,032 older adults needed home-delivered meals in unserved areas. The report also lists recipient demographics, locations, and types of meals served, and gives data collected through surveys of home-delivered meal recipients. (20 ILCS 105/4.07; March 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 91 pp.)

### **Central Management Services, Dept. of**

*I-Cycle annual report, FY 2024*

CMS spent \$237,971 on recycled paper products in FY 2024 (7.9% of the total amount spent on paper products). Some 10% of the total paper purchased by CMS contained recycled material. The State recycled

over 120,630 electronic items in FY 2024, diverting over 1.2 million pounds of electronic waste from landfills. CMS also oversees sustainability initiatives for energy use in State buildings, the State's transportation fleet, and daily operations. (415 ILCS 20/3(j); undated, rec'd Nov. 2024, 5 pp.)

*State employee child care centers annual report, 2024*

Illinois has two on-site child care centers for employees' children, one in Chicago and one in Springfield. First Steps Learning Centers of Illinois, Inc. began managing the Chicago center (in the Bilandic Building) on August 1, 2023. The center cares for children ages 2 through 12, provides year-round care, and offers a summer camp for school-aged children. The center currently has vacancies. The Springfield center (in the Willard Ice Building) cares for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and takes annual field

trips in the fall. Enrollment capacity is 43 and there is a wait list of approximately 93 children. State employees can use flexible spending accounts to pay for the costs of both centers. (30 ILCS 590/3; undated, rec'd Nov. 2024, 4 pp.)

### **Commerce Commission**

*Natural gas markets development, 2024*

There are 48 certified alternative gas suppliers (AGS) in Illinois; 78 AGS actively served customers in 2023. 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

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markets. LVT suppliers served over 29,000 large commercial and industrial customers. SVT suppliers served over 200,000 residential and 56,000 small commercial customers. The report makes no legislative recommendations. (220 ILCS 5/19-130; issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 20 pp.)

### **Criminal Justice Information Authority**

#### *Illinois Crime Reduction Task Force report, 2024*

The Task Force was created to propose policies to reduce crime in Illinois. It met seven times between October 2022 and June 2024. The report describes the 12 recommendations approved by the Task Force, including launching a Statewide pilot program to give a guaranteed basic income to people in poor areas; expanding investments in community safety initiatives; and developing incentives to recruit police officers. Appendices include information on testimony given to the Task Force, and a description of one proposed recommendation that was not approved by the Task Force. (20 ILCS 3926/1-15(c); undated, rec'd Oct. 2024, 22 pp. + 4 appendices)

### **Human Services, Dept. of**

#### *Homelessness prevention annual report, 2024*

DHS's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and the Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness continue to implement Home Illinois, the State's strategic plan to

address homelessness. The report describes progress made during the year on a number of activities under the four main strategies of the plan: building affordable and permanent supportive housing; bolstering safety nets for people at risk of homelessness; promoting financial stability; and improving health outcomes for people experiencing homelessness. (20 ILCS 1305/10-75(e); issued & rec'd Nov. 2024, 39 pp.)

### **Illinois Power Agency**

#### *Minority outreach report, FYs 2020-2024*

There were 25 bidders for the Agency's 8 contracts over the five fiscal years. Four bidders were female-owned businesses; two of those received a contract. The Agency advertised and sent mailings to encourage bids by qualified businesses owned by minorities, females, or persons with disabilities. (20 ILCS 3855/1-127(d); July 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 10 pp.)

### **Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority**

#### *Procurement report, FY 2024*

The Authority spent \$125.2 million in FY 2024, of which 16.2% went to minority-owned businesses and almost 8.0% to women-owned businesses. Tables show amounts paid by ethnicity and gender of business owners and type of contract. (70 ILCS 210/23.1(b); undated, rec'd Dec. 2024, 6 pp.)

### **Public Health, Dept. of**

#### *Food deserts annual report, FY 2024*

The report provides statistics on census tracts that meet the definition of a food desert. Measurements are based on how many people in a tract are low-income and how far they have to travel to a supermarket. The data is based on 2019 estimates by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that have not been updated, so new data is not available. In one measure from 2019, the percentage of tracts that were low-income and in which urban residents had to travel more than a mile and rural residents more than 10 miles to the nearest market was 10.2%; most of those tracts were in Cook County. In 2024, \$6.4 million in grants were offered through the State Department of Agriculture to help strengthen the State's food supply chain. (20 ILCS 2310/2310-22; Sept. 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 9 pp. + appendix)

#### *Mercury-Free Vaccine Act exemption declaration, 2024*

Due to actual and/or potential shortages, IDPH filed a Declaration of Exemption authorizing use of the following vaccines known to contain mercury-based products: Tetanus and Diphtheria Toxoids (Td), and multi-dose formulations of Influenza Vaccine for the 2023-24 influenza season. (410 ILCS 51/15; issued and rec'd Oct. 2024, 6 pp.)

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**State Board of Education***Teacher Performance**Assessment Task Force report, 2024*

The Task Force met 21 times from January to October 2024. Members heard from panels of teachers, school administrators, and representatives of other States and interest groups, and considered various models of teacher performance assessments. The Task Force recommended that Illinois develop a teacher performance assessment as a requirement for initial licensure. (105 ILCS 5/21B-30(f-5); Oct. 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 30 pp. + appendices)

**State Police, Illinois***FOID Card Review Board**monthly report, Oct. 2024*

The Board hears petitions from persons whose FOID card applications were denied or whose cards are revoked. In October the Board received 50 cases. It granted relief in

34 cases and denied relief in 4 cases; 12 cases were continued. (430 ILCS 65/10(a-5)(9); issued & rec'd Nov. 2024, 1 pp.)

**Transportation, Dept. of***Chief Procurement Office exempt contracts report, FY 2024*

IDOT's Highway Construction's purchase of 233 parcels valued at \$36.3 million was exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code. In addition, it has 64 land acquisition legal services contracts, 209 railroad agreements, and 134 utility agreements that are continuing. IDOT did not make any public-private partnership agreements in FY 2024. (30 ILCS 500/1-10(b); issued & rec'd Oct. 2024, 2 pp.)

**Treasurer, Office of the***Exempt procurements report, FY 2024*

The Treasurer's Office had 17 procurements exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code in FY 2024. Six were for information

technology services; 3 for legal services; 2 for college savings reporting services; and one each for marketing content creation, data management, civic engagement, financial products, unclaimed property appraisal, and banking management. Hourly or total rates of pay are listed. (30 ILCS 500/1-10(b); Oct. 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 2 pp.)

*Small business set-aside annual report, FY 2024*

The Treasurer's Office spent \$978,371 on contracts with small businesses in FY 2024, contracting with 67% more small businesses than in FY 2023. The report has details on the contracts and the Treasurer's policies for small business contracting. (30 ILCS 500/45-90(f); Oct. 2024, rec'd Nov. 2024, 4 pp.)

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