

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Commerce and Economic
5 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
6 amended by changing Section 605-600 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 605/605-600) (was 20 ILCS 605/46.19f)

8 Sec. 605-600. Buy Illinois Program. The Department shall
9 have the authority to establish and administer a Buy Illinois
10 Program, which may include, but is not limited to, the
11 following powers and duties:

12 (1) To accept grants, loans, or appropriations from the
13 federal government or the State or any agency or
14 instrumentality thereof, and to assess fees for any services
15 performed under the Buy Illinois Program, to carry out the
16 program.

17 (2) To form a Buy Illinois Council, made up of Illinois
18 large firms and small firms, to provide advice and counsel in
19 directing a statewide program.

20 (3) To publicize and advertise to Illinois firms and
21 government agencies the importance and benefits of buying goods
22 and services provided by vendors located within the State.

23 (4) To secure the cooperation of Illinois' large firms,
24 federal, State and local governments, non-profit agencies,
25 international organizations, and others to carry out this
26 program.

27 (5) To match the needs for products and services by
28 business firms and government agencies with the capabilities of
29 small Illinois firms that can provide those needed goods and
30 services.

31 (6) To hold purchasing agent seminars, fairs, conferences
32 and workshops to aid small Illinois businesses in obtaining

1 contracts for goods and services from larger firms and
2 government agencies within the State.

3 (7) To assist business firms and government agencies to
4 analyze their buying activities and to find ways to carry out
5 those activities in an effective and economical manner, while
6 promoting subcontract activity with small Illinois firms.

7 (8) To establish manual and electronic buying directories,
8 including stand alone computer data bases that list qualified
9 vendors and procurement opportunities.

10 (9) To promote through other means the use by international
11 agencies, government agencies, and larger businesses of
12 products and services produced by small Illinois firms.

13 (10) To subcontract, grant funds, or otherwise participate
14 with qualified private firms, existing procurement centers, or
15 other organizations that have designed programs approved in
16 accordance with procedures determined by the Department, that
17 are aimed at assisting small Illinois firms in obtaining
18 contracts for products and services from local government
19 agencies and larger Illinois businesses.

20 (11) To develop and administer guidelines for projects that
21 provide assistance to the Department in connection with the Buy
22 Illinois Program.

23 (12) To form the Illinois Food Systems Policy Council to
24 develop policies around food access and security, improve
25 individual health and well-being, promote economic incentives
26 for Illinois farmers, agri-businesses, and other private
27 enterprises, and encourage public/private partnerships around
28 healthy food options. Membership on the Council shall include
29 the Director or Secretary, or his or her designee, of the
30 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
31 Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health,
32 the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural
33 Resources, the Department of Central Management Services, the
34 State Board of Education, and the Food Nutrition and Education
35 Program. The Council shall consult with farmers and farm
36 associations, businesses and business associations, including

1 agri-businesses and food processing businesses, and community
2 based organizations, including those working on food access,
3 security, and delivery and on obesity prevention.
4 Administration of the Council and its functions shall be shared
5 among the Council members pursuant to an interagency agreement
6 from funds appropriated for this purpose or from existing funds
7 within the budgets of the Council's members. The Council may
8 submit, in consultation and collaboration with the
9 associations, businesses, organizations, and entities listed
10 in this Section, an annual report to the General Assembly
11 describing the Council's work, which may include performance
12 indicators to measure the impact of policies and practices
13 adopted by the Council.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00.)