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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4053

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4053 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following::

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Global Partnership Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
7 context requires otherwise:

8 "Board" means the board of directors of Illinois Global
9 Partnership, Inc.

10 "IGP" or "Partnership" means Illinois Global Partnership,
11 Inc., the not-for-profit entity incorporated as provided in
12 this Act.

13 Section 10. Findings; purpose. The General Assembly finds
14 that it is important to encourage international business
15 developments for Illinois companies and to encourage
16 international tourism in Illinois by creating partnerships
17 that open markets, by accessing customers, and by facilitating
18 transactions. Therefore, the purpose of the Illinois Global
19 Partnership, Inc., is to build Illinois' profile as a region
20 prepared to do business with the world and as a world tourism
21 destination. The Partnership shall encourage international
22 business development for Illinois companies and international
23 tourism by affecting policy and creating partnerships that open

1 markets, access customers, and facilitate transactions.

2 Section 15. Partnership established. A not-for-profit
3 corporation to be known as "Illinois Global Partnership, Inc."
4 is created. IGP shall be incorporated under the General Not for
5 Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and shall be registered,
6 incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with the
7 laws of this State. IGP shall not be a State agency. The
8 General Assembly determines, however, that public policy
9 dictates that IGP operate in the most open and accessible
10 manner consistent with its public purpose. To this end, the
11 General Assembly specifically declares that IGP and its board
12 and advisory committee shall adopt and adhere to the provisions
13 of the State Records Act, the Open Meetings Act, and the
14 Freedom of Information Act.

15 IGP shall establish one or more corporate offices, at least
16 one of which shall be located in Sangamon County.

17 Section 20. Board of directors. IGP shall be governed by a
18 board of directors. The IGP board of directors shall consist of
19 14 members. Five of the members shall be voting members
20 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
21 Senate. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
22 Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the
23 Senate, the Lieutenant Governor, the Director of Agriculture,
24 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the
25 Chairperson of the Illinois Arts Council, and the Director of
26 the Illinois Finance Authority, or the designee of each, shall
27 be non-voting ex officio members.

28 Of the members appointed by the Governor, one member must
29 have a background in agriculture, one member must have a
30 background in manufacturing, and one member must have a
31 background in international business relations.

32 Of the initial members appointed by the Governor, 3 members

1 shall serve 4-year terms and 2 members shall serve 2-year terms
2 as designated by the Governor. Thereafter, members appointed by
3 the Governor shall serve 4-year terms. A vacancy among members
4 appointed by the Governor shall be filled by appointment by the
5 Governor for the remainder of the vacated term.

6 Members of the board shall receive no compensation but
7 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of
8 their duties.

9 The Governor shall designate the chairman of the board
10 until a successor is designated. The board shall meet at the
11 call of the chair.

12 No less than 90 days after a majority of the members of the
13 board of directors of the IGP is appointed by the Governor, the
14 board shall develop a policy adopted by resolution of the board
15 stating the board's plan for the use of services provided by
16 businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with
17 disabilities, as defined under the Business Enterprise for
18 Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act. The
19 board shall provide a copy of this resolution to the Governor
20 and the General Assembly upon its adoption.

21 On December 31 of each year, the board shall report to the
22 General Assembly and the Governor regarding the use of services
23 provided by businesses owned by minorities, females, and
24 persons with disabilities, as defined under the Business
25 Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with
26 Disabilities Act.

27 Section 25. Powers of IGP. IGP has the power to:

28 (1) Host monthly leadership forums to give small groups
29 of top business leaders the ability to interact with top
30 federal, State, and local governmental officials.

31 (2) Manage trips to Washington, D.C., for key business
32 leaders, giving this group exposure to top policy makers in
33 the federal administration and Congress.

1 (3) Manage trips to the State for members of Congress
2 and their staffs, giving this group exposure to Illinois
3 businesses, research facilities, and other statewide
4 highlights.

5 (4) Host monthly trade missions from international
6 companies, introducing these influential travelers to key
7 leaders at Illinois businesses for the expressed purpose of
8 building partnerships with suppliers and customers.

9 (5) Manage trips to other states and foreign countries
10 for Illinois business leaders to give them and their
11 respective companies exposure to new and expanding
12 markets.

13 (6) Manage meetings with prospective partners to
14 discuss products, markets, pricing, and other elements of
15 the transaction.

16 (7) Attract international participation in high
17 profile Illinois projects.

18 (8) Make recommendations to the Governor and the
19 members of the General Assembly concerning the role the
20 State performs in international business development.

21 (9) Assist Illinois businesses to engage in, expand,
22 and increase foreign trade.

23 (10) Establish or co-sponsor mentoring conferences,
24 using experienced manufacturing exporters, to explain and
25 provide information to prospective export manufacturers
26 and businesses concerning the process of exporting to both
27 domestic and international opportunities.

28 (11) Provide technical assistance to prospective
29 export manufacturers and businesses seeking to establish
30 domestic and international export opportunities.

31 (12) Coordinate with the Department of Commerce and
32 Economic Opportunity's Small Business Development Centers
33 to link buyers with prospective export manufacturers and
34 businesses.

1 (13) Promote, both domestically and abroad, products
2 made in Illinois in order to inform consumers and buyers of
3 their high quality standards and craftsmanship.

4 (14) Develop an electronic data base to compile
5 information on international trade and investment
6 activities in Illinois companies, provide access to
7 research and business opportunities through external data
8 bases, and connect this data base through international
9 communication systems with appropriate domestic and
10 worldwide networks users.

11 (15) Collect and distribute to foreign commercial
12 libraries directories, catalogs, brochures, and other
13 information of value to foreign businesses considering
14 doing business in this State.

15 (16) Establish an export finance awareness program to
16 provide information to banking organizations about methods
17 used by banks to provide financing for businesses engaged
18 in exporting and about other State and federal programs to
19 promote and expedite export financing.

20 (17) Undertake a survey of Illinois' businesses to
21 identify exportable products and the businesses interested
22 in exporting.

23 (18) In cooperation with the Department of
24 Agriculture, (i) provide assistance to those manufacturing
25 and service companies that desire to export agricultural
26 machinery, implements, equipment, other manufactured
27 products, and professional services; (ii) encourage
28 Illinois companies to initiate exporting or increase their
29 export sales of agricultural and manufactured products;
30 (iii) cooperate with agencies and instrumentalities of the
31 federal government in trade development activities in
32 overseas markets; (iv) conduct the necessary research
33 within Illinois and in overseas markets in order to assist
34 exporting companies; (v) promote the State of Illinois as a

1 source of agricultural and manufactured products through
2 information and promotion campaigns overseas; and (vi)
3 conduct an information program for foreign buyers of
4 Illinois agricultural and manufactured products.

5 (19) In cooperation with the Department of
6 Agriculture, establish overseas offices for (i) the
7 promotion of the export of Illinois agricultural and
8 manufactured products; (ii) representation of Illinois
9 seaports; (iii) economic development; and (iv) tourism
10 promotion and services.

11 (20) Charge fees for and recover the costs of its
12 services.

13 (21) Participate in the authority and responsibility
14 of the State's international tourism programs,
15 initiatives, undertakings, and efforts. IGP and its board
16 may exercise their powers and shall perform their duties in
17 accordance with the fulfillment of IGP's responsibility
18 for international tourism.

19 (22) Assume from the Department of Agriculture on July
20 1, 2005, all contractual personnel, books, records,
21 papers, documents, property both real and personal, and
22 pending business in any way pertaining to the international
23 functions of the Bureau of Marketing.

24 Section 30. Powers of the board of directors. The board of
25 directors shall have the power to:

26 (1) Secure funding for programs and activities of IGP from
27 federal, State, local, and private sources and from fees
28 charged for services and published materials; solicit,
29 receive, hold, invest, and administer any grant, payment, or
30 gift of funds or property; and make expenditures consistent
31 with the powers granted to it.

32 (2) Make and enter into contracts and other instruments
33 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and

1 functions.

2 (3) Sue and be sued, and appear and defend in all actions
3 and proceedings, in its corporate name to the same extent as a
4 natural person.

5 (4) Adopt, use, and alter a common corporate seal for IGP.

6 (5) Elect or appoint officers and agents as its affairs
7 require and allow them reasonable compensation.

8 (6) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with
9 the powers granted to it or the articles of incorporation, for
10 the administration of the affairs of IGP and the exercise of
11 its corporate powers.

12 (7) Acquire, enjoy, use, and dispose of patents,
13 copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses, royalties, and
14 other rights or interests thereunder or therein.

15 (8) Do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry
16 out the powers granted to it.

17 Section 35. President. The board shall appoint a
18 President, who is the chief executive officer of the board and
19 of IGP. In addition to any other duties set forth in this Act,
20 the President shall do the following:

21 (1) Direct and supervise the administrative affairs
22 and activities of the board and of IGP, in accordance with
23 the board's rules and policies.

24 (2) Attend meetings of the board.

25 (3) Keep minutes of all proceedings of the board.

26 (4) Approve all accounts for salaries, per diem
27 payments, and allowable expenses of the board and IGP
28 employees and consultants and approve all expenses
29 incidental to the operation of the board and IGP.

30 (5) Report and make recommendations to the board on the
31 merits and status of any proposed facility.

32 (6) Perform any other duty that the board requires for
33 carrying out the provisions of this Act.

1 Section 40. Advisory committee. An advisory committee is
2 established for the benefit of IGP and its board of directors
3 in the performance of their powers, duties, and functions under
4 this Act. The board shall provide for the number,
5 qualifications, and appointment of members of the advisory
6 committee.

7 Section 45. Employees. The Department of Agriculture may
8 establish a lease agreement program under which IGP may hire
9 any individual who, as of July 1, 2005, is employed by the
10 Department of Agriculture or who, as of July 1, 2005, is
11 employed by the Office of the Governor and has responsibilities
12 specifically in support of an international trade or tourism
13 program. Under the agreement, the employee shall retain his or
14 her status as a State employee but shall work under the direct
15 supervision of IGP. Retention of State employee status shall
16 include the right to participate in the State Employees
17 Retirement System. The Department of Central Management
18 Services shall establish the terms and conditions of the lease
19 agreements.

20 Section 50. Finances; audits; annual report.

21 (a) IGP may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from
22 the government of the United States or its agencies, from this
23 State or its departments, agencies, or instrumentalities, from
24 any other governmental unit, and from private and civic sources
25 for the purpose of funding any projects authorized by this Act.
26 IGP may receive appropriations.

27 (b) Services of personnel, use of equipment and office
28 space, and other necessary services may be accepted from
29 members of the board as part of IGP's financial support.

30 (c) State funds appropriated for the operations and
31 functions of IGP for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year

1 thereafter should not exceed 60% of IGP's funding from all
2 sources for the fiscal year.

3 (d) The board shall arrange for the annual financial audit
4 of IGP by one or more independent certified public accountants
5 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
6 The annual audit results shall be included in the annual report
7 required under subsection (e).

8 (e) IGP shall report annually on its activities and
9 finances to the Governor and the members of the General
10 Assembly.

11 Section 55. Agriculture marketing. IGP has authority and
12 responsibility with respect to:

13 (1) Marketing and promotion of Illinois agricultural
14 products.

15 (2) Consulting services and marketing information for
16 Illinois agribusinesses.

17 (3) Representing Illinois at trade shows and seminars
18 related to the State's agricultural exporting capabilities.

19 Section 60. Other State programs. State executive branch
20 agencies may consult with IGP before continuing or undertaking
21 any international marketing program or programs authorized by
22 law as of or after the effective date of this Act.

23 Section 90. Authority of DCEO. Nothing in this Act shall
24 diminish the authority of the Department of Commerce and
25 Economic Opportunity with respect to the Bureau of Tourism and
26 the overseas offices of the Office of Trade and Investment.

27 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
28 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

1 2005."