

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 HB5915

Introduced 2/16/2012, by Rep. Jim Watson

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Illinois Procurement Code. Provides that the Procurement Policy Board shall provide written notice of an alleged conflict of interest to the contractor. Provides that the contractor shall have 30 days to provide a written response to the notice and may request a hearing before the Board. Provides that a State contract may be awarded as a sole source procurement unless a vendor requests a public hearing (rather than, a State contract may not be awarded as a sole source procurement unless approved by the chief procurement officer following a public hearing). Provides that a State contract shall include the general type of work to be performed by all known subcontractors (rather than the expected amount of money the subcontractor will receive under the contract). Provides that the chief procurement officer shall verify the status of a business entity's certificate of registration with the State Board of Elections through the Board's website (rather than, a copy of the certificate of registration must accompany any bid or proposal). Provides that, for certain certifications required for State contracts, if a false certification is made by a subcontractor, the contractor's submitted bid and contract may not be declared void, unless the contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract. Makes changes to a provision concerning procurement communications reporting requirements. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning finance.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by
- 5 changing Sections 1-15.107, 1-15.108, 5-5, 20-10, 20-25,
- 6 20-120, 20-155, 20-160, 50-5, 50-10, 50-10.5, 50-11, 50-12,
- 7 50-14, 50-35, 50-39, and 50-60 as follows:
- 8 (30 ILCS 500/1-15.107)
- 9 Sec. 1-15.107. Subcontract. "Subcontract" means a contract
- 10 between a person and a person who has or is seeking a contract
- 11 subject to this Code, pursuant to which the subcontractor
- 12 provides to the contractor <del>or another subcontractor</del> some or all
- of the <del>goods,</del> services, real property, remuneration, or other
- 14 monetary forms of consideration that are the subject of the
- 15 primary contract and includes, among other things, subleases
- 16 from a lessee of a State agency.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of P.A. 96-795).)
- 19 (30 ILCS 500/1-15.108)
- 20 Sec. 1-15.108. Subcontractor. "Subcontractor" means a
- 21 person or entity that enters into a contractual agreement with
- 22 a total value of \$25,000 or more with a person or entity who

- 1 has or is seeking a contract subject to this Code pursuant to
- which the person or entity provides some or all of the goods,
- 3 services, <u>real</u> property, remuneration, or other <u>monetary</u> forms
- 4 of consideration that are the subject of the primary State
- 5 contract, including subleases from a lessee of a State
- 6 contract.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-920, eff. 7-1-10.)
- 8 (30 ILCS 500/5-5)
- 9 Sec. 5-5. Procurement Policy Board.
- 10 (a) Creation. There is created a Procurement Policy Board,
  11 an agency of the State of Illinois.
- an agency of the State of Illinois.
- 12 (b) Authority and duties. The Board shall have the 13 authority and responsibility to review, comment upon, and
- 14 recommend, consistent with this Code, rules and practices
- governing the procurement, management, control, and disposal
- of supplies, services, professional or artistic services,
- 17 construction, and real property and capital improvement leases
- 18 procured by the State. The Board shall also have the authority
- 19 to recommend a program for professional development and provide
- 20 opportunities for training in procurement practices and
- 21 policies to chief procurement officers and their staffs in
- 22 order to ensure that all procurement is conducted in an
- efficient, professional, and appropriately transparent manner.
- Upon a three-fifths vote of its members, the Board may
- 25 review a contract. Upon a three-fifths vote of its members, the

- Board may propose procurement rules for consideration by chief procurement officers. These proposals shall be published in each volume of the Procurement Bulletin. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board shall act upon the vote of a majority of its members who have been appointed and are serving.
  - (b-5) Reviews, studies, and hearings. The Board may review, study, and hold public hearings concerning the implementation and administration of this Code. Each chief procurement officer, State purchasing officer, procurement compliance monitor, and State agency shall cooperate with the Board, provide information to the Board, and be responsive to the Board in the Board's conduct of its reviews, studies, and hearings.
    - (c) Members. The Board shall consist of 5 members appointed one each by the 4 legislative leaders and the Governor. Each member shall have demonstrated sufficient business or professional experience in the area of procurement to perform the functions of the Board. No member may be a member of the General Assembly.
    - (d) Terms. Of the initial appointees, the Governor shall designate one member, as Chairman, to serve a one-year term, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each appoint one member to serve 3-year terms, and the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate shall each appoint one member to serve 2-year terms. Subsequent terms

- shall be 4 years. Members may be reappointed for succeeding terms.
- 3 (e) Reimbursement. Members shall receive no compensation 4 but shall be reimbursed for any expenses reasonably incurred in 5 the performance of their duties.
  - (f) Staff support. Upon a three-fifths vote of its members, the Board may employ an executive director. Subject to appropriation, the Board also may employ a reasonable and necessary number of staff persons.
    - (g) Meetings. Meetings of the Board may be conducted telephonically, electronically, or through the use of other telecommunications. Written minutes of such meetings shall be created and available for public inspection and copying.
  - (h) Procurement recommendations. Upon a three-fifths vote of its members, the Board may review a proposal, bid, or contract and issue a recommendation to void a contract or reject a proposal or bid based on any violation of this Code or the existence of a conflict of interest as described in subsections (b) and (d) of Section 50-35. A chief procurement officer or State purchasing officer shall notify the Board if an alleged a conflict of interest is identified, discovered, or reasonably suspected to exist. Any person or entity may notify the Board of an alleged a conflict of interest. Upon receipt of a notice of suspected violation or conflict of interest, the Board shall provide written notice of the alleged violation to the contractor or subcontractor on that contract. If the

- 1 <u>alleged violation is by the subcontractor, written notice shall</u>
- 2 also be provided to the contractor. The contractor or
- 3 <u>subcontractor shall have 30 days to provide a written response</u>
- 4 to the notice, and a hearing before the Board on the alleged
- 5 violation shall be held upon request by the contractor or
- 6 subcontractor. A recommendation of the Board shall be delivered
- 7 to the appropriate chief procurement officer and Executive
- 8 Ethics Commission within 5 days and must be published in the
- 9 next volume of the Procurement Bulletin.
- 10 (i) After providing notice and a hearing as required by
- 11 subsection (h), the The Board shall refer any alleged
- 12 violations of this Code to the Executive Inspector General in
- 13 addition to or instead of issuing a recommendation to void a
- 14 contract.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)
- 17 (30 ILCS 500/20-10)
- 18 (Text of Section from P.A. 96-159, 96-588, 97-96, and
- 19 97-198)
- Sec. 20-10. Competitive sealed bidding; reverse auction.
- 21 (a) Conditions for use. All contracts shall be awarded by
- 22 competitive sealed bidding except as otherwise provided in
- 23 Section 20-5.
- 24 (b) Invitation for bids. An invitation for bids shall be
- 25 issued and shall include a purchase description and the

- 1 material contractual terms and conditions applicable to the 2 procurement.
  - (c) Public notice. Public notice of the invitation for bids shall be published in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at least 14 days before the date set in the invitation for the opening of bids.
    - (d) Bid opening. Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation for bids. The name of each bidder, the amount of each bid, and other relevant information as may be specified by rule shall be recorded. After the award of the contract, the winning bid and the record of each unsuccessful bid shall be open to public inspection.
    - (e) Bid acceptance and bid evaluation. Bids shall be unconditionally accepted without alteration or correction, except as authorized in this Code. Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for award, such as discounts, transportation costs, and total or life cycle costs, shall be objectively measurable. The invitation for bids shall set forth the evaluation criteria to be used.
    - (f) Correction or withdrawal of bids. Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after

award, or cancellation of awards of contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be permitted in accordance with rules. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the State or fair competition shall be permitted. All decisions to permit the correction or withdrawal of bids based on bid mistakes shall be supported by written determination made by a State purchasing officer.

- (g) Award. The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by written notice to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids, except when a State purchasing officer determines it is not in the best interest of the State and by written explanation determines another bidder shall receive the award. The explanation shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin. The written explanation must include:
  - (1) a description of the agency's needs;
- (2) a determination that the anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable;
- 21 <u>(3) a listing of all responsible and responsive</u> 22 bidders; and
- 23 (4) the name of the bidder selected, the total contract 24 price, and the reasons for selecting that bidder.
- Each chief procurement officer may adopt guidelines to implement the requirements of this subsection (q).

The written explanation shall be filed with the Legislative

Audit Commission and the Procurement Policy Board and be made

available for inspection by the public within 30 days after the

agency's decision to award the contract.

- (h) Multi-step sealed bidding. When it is considered impracticable to initially prepare a purchase description to support an award based on price, an invitation for bids may be issued requesting the submission of unpriced offers to be followed by an invitation for bids limited to those bidders whose offers have been qualified under the criteria set forth in the first solicitation.
- (i) Alternative procedures. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, the Director of the Illinois Power Agency may create alternative bidding procedures to be used in procuring professional services under subsection (a) of Section 1-75 and subsection (d) of Section 1-78 of the Illinois Power Agency Act and Section 16-111.5(c) of the Public Utilities Act and to procure renewable energy resources under Section 1-56 of the Illinois Power Agency Act. These alternative procedures shall be set forth together with the other criteria contained in the invitation for bids, and shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.
- (j) Reverse auction. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section and in accordance with rules adopted by the Director of Central Management Services as chief procurement

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officer, a State purchasing officer under that 1 2 procurement officer's jurisdiction officer may procure supplies or services through a competitive electronic auction 3 bidding process after the purchasing officer explains in 4 5 writing to the chief procurement officer determines his or her determination that the use of such a process will be in the 6 7 best interest of the State. The chief procurement officer shall publish that determination in his or her next volume of the 8 9 Illinois Procurement Bulletin.

An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include (i) a procurement description, (ii) all contractual terms, whenever practical, and (iii) conditions applicable to the procurement, including a notice that bids will be received in an electronic auction manner.

Public notice of the invitation for bids shall be given in the same manner as provided in subsection (c).

Bids shall be accepted electronically at the time and in the manner designated in the invitation for bids. During the auction, a bidder's price shall be disclosed to other bidders. Bidders shall have the opportunity to reduce their bid prices during the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, the record of the bid prices received and the name of each bidder shall be open to public inspection.

24 After the auction period has terminated, withdrawal of bids 25 shall be permitted as provided in subsection (f).

The contract shall be awarded within 60 days after the

- 1 auction by written notice to the lowest responsible bidder, or
- 2 all bids shall be rejected except as otherwise provided in this
- 3 Code. Extensions of the date for the award may be made by
- 4 mutual written consent of the State purchasing officer and the
- 5 lowest responsible bidder.
- 6 This subsection does not apply to (i) procurements of
- 7 professional and artistic services, (ii) including but not
- 8 <del>limited to</del> telecommunications services, communication
- 9 <del>communications</del> services, <del>Internet services,</del> and information
- 10 services, and (iii) (iii) contracts for construction projects,
- including design professional services.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 95-481, eff. 8-28-07; 96-159, eff. 8-10-09;
- 13 96-588, eff. 8-18-09; 97-96, eff. 7-13-11.)
- 14 (Text of Section from P.A. 96-159, 96-795, 97-96, and
- 15 97-198)
- Sec. 20-10. Competitive sealed bidding; reverse auction.
- 17 (a) Conditions for use. All contracts shall be awarded by
- 18 competitive sealed bidding except as otherwise provided in
- 19 Section 20-5.
- 20 (b) Invitation for bids. An invitation for bids shall be
- 21 issued and shall include a purchase description and the
- 22 material contractual terms and conditions applicable to the
- 23 procurement.
- 24 (c) Public notice. Public notice of the invitation for bids
- 25 shall be published in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin at

- least 14 days before the date set in the invitation for the opening of bids.
  - (d) Bid opening. Bids shall be opened publicly in the presence of one or more witnesses at the time and place designated in the invitation for bids. The name of each bidder, the amount of each bid, and other relevant information as may be specified by rule shall be recorded. After the award of the contract, the winning bid and the record of each unsuccessful bid shall be open to public inspection.
  - (e) Bid acceptance and bid evaluation. Bids shall be unconditionally accepted without alteration or correction, except as authorized in this Code. Bids shall be evaluated based on the requirements set forth in the invitation for bids, which may include criteria to determine acceptability such as inspection, testing, quality, workmanship, delivery, and suitability for a particular purpose. Those criteria that will affect the bid price and be considered in evaluation for award, such as discounts, transportation costs, and total or life cycle costs, shall be objectively measurable. The invitation for bids shall set forth the evaluation criteria to be used.
  - (f) Correction or withdrawal of bids. Correction or withdrawal of inadvertently erroneous bids before or after award, or cancellation of awards of contracts based on bid mistakes, shall be permitted in accordance with rules. After bid opening, no changes in bid prices or other provisions of bids prejudicial to the interest of the State or fair

- competition shall be permitted. All decisions to permit the correction or withdrawal of bids based on bid mistakes shall be supported by written determination made by a State purchasing officer.
  - (g) Award. The contract shall be awarded with reasonable promptness by written notice to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the invitation for bids, except when a State purchasing officer determines it is not in the best interest of the State and by written explanation determines another bidder shall receive the award. The explanation shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin. The written explanation must include:
    - (1) a description of the agency's needs;
  - (2) a determination that the anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable;
    - (3) a listing of all responsible and responsive bidders; and
    - (4) the name of the bidder selected, the total contract price pricing, and the reasons for selecting that bidder.
- Each chief procurement officer may adopt guidelines to implement the requirements of this subsection (g).

The written explanation shall be filed with the Legislative Audit Commission and the Procurement Policy Board and be made available for inspection by the public within 30 days after the agency's decision to award the contract.

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- Alternative procedures. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the contrary, the Director of the Illinois Power Agency may create alternative procedures to be used in procuring professional services under subsection (a) of Section 1-75 and subsection (d) of Section 1-78 of the Illinois Power Agency Act and Section 16-111.5(c) of the Public Utilities Act and to procure renewable energy resources under Section 1-56 of the Illinois Power Agency Act. These alternative procedures shall be set forth together with the other criteria contained in the invitation for bids, and shall appear in the appropriate volume of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin.
- (j) Reverse auction. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section and in accordance with rules adopted by the chief procurement officer, that chief procurement officer may procure supplies or services through a competitive electronic auction bidding process after the chief procurement officer determines that the use of such a process will be in the best interest of the State. The chief procurement officer shall

- 1 publish that determination in his or her next volume of the
- 2 Illinois Procurement Bulletin.
- 3 An invitation for bids shall be issued and shall include
- 4 (i) a procurement description, (ii) all contractual terms,
- 5 whenever practical, and (iii) conditions applicable to the
- 6 procurement, including a notice that bids will be received in
- 7 an electronic auction manner.
- 8 Public notice of the invitation for bids shall be given in
- 9 the same manner as provided in subsection (c).
- 10 Bids shall be accepted electronically at the time and in
- 11 the manner designated in the invitation for bids. During the
- 12 auction, a bidder's price shall be disclosed to other bidders.
- 13 Bidders shall have the opportunity to reduce their bid prices
- 14 during the auction. At the conclusion of the auction, the
- 15 record of the bid prices received and the name of each bidder
- shall be open to public inspection.
- 17 After the auction period has terminated, withdrawal of bids
- shall be permitted as provided in subsection (f).
- The contract shall be awarded within 60 days after the
- 20 auction by written notice to the lowest responsible bidder, or
- 21 all bids shall be rejected except as otherwise provided in this
- 22 Code. Extensions of the date for the award may be made by
- 23 mutual written consent of the State purchasing officer and the
- lowest responsible bidder.
- 25 This subsection does not apply to (i) procurements of
- 26 professional and artistic services, (ii) telecommunications

- 1 services, communication services, and information services,
- 2 and (iii) contracts for construction projects, including
- 3 design professional services.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-159, eff. 8-10-09; 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see
- 5 Section 5 of P.A. 96-793 for the effective date of changes made
- 6 by P.A. 96-795); 97-96, eff. 7-13-11.)
- 7 (30 ILCS 500/20-25)

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- 8 Sec. 20-25. Sole source procurements.
- 9 (a) In accordance with standards set by rule, contracts may be awarded without use of the specified method of source 10 11 selection when there is only one economically feasible source 12 for the item. A State contract may <del>not</del> be awarded as a sole 1.3 source procurement unless a vendor submits a written request for approved by the chief procurement officer following a 14 15 public hearing at which the chief procurement officer and 16 purchasing agency present written justification for the procurement method. The Procurement Policy Board, the sole 17

source contractor, and the public may present testimony.

- (b) (Blank). This Section may not be used as a basis for amending a contract for professional or artistic services if the amendment would result in an increase in the amount paid under the contract of more than 5% of the initial award, or would extend the contract term beyond the time reasonably needed for a competitive procurement, not to exceed 2 months.
  - (c) Notice of intent to enter into a sole source contract

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- shall be provided to the Procurement Policy Board and published in the online electronic Bulletin at least 14 days before the public hearing required in subsection (a). The notice shall include the sole source procurement justification form prescribed by the Board, a description of the item to be procured, the intended sole source contractor, and the date, time, and location of the public hearing. A copy of the notice and all documents provided at the hearing shall be included in the subsequent Procurement Bulletin.
  - (d) By August 1 each year, each chief procurement officer shall file a report with the General Assembly identifying each contract the officer sought under the sole source procurement method and providing the justification given for seeking sole source as the procurement method for each of those contracts.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793) 16 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795); 96-920, 17 eff. 7-1-10.)
- 18 (30 ILCS 500/20-120)
- 19 Sec. 20-120. Subcontractors.
- 20 (a) Any contract granted under this Code shall state
  21 whether the services of a subcontractor will or may be used.
  22 The contract shall include the names and addresses of all known
  23 subcontractors with subcontracts with an annual value of more
  24 than \$25,000 and the general type of work to be performed by
  25 these subcontractors. Upon the request of the chief procurement

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officer appointed pursuant to subsection (a)(2) of Section 10-20, the expected amount of money each will receive under the contract. For procurements subject to the authority of the chief procurement officer appointed pursuant to subsection (a) (2) of Section 10 20, the contract shall include only the names and addresses of all known subcontractors of the primary contractor with subcontracts with an annual value of more than \$25,000. The contractor shall provide the chief procurement officer or State purchasing officer a copy of a any subcontract with an annual value of more than \$25,000 so identified within  $30 \frac{20}{100}$  days after the request is made. Prior to submission of the subcontract to the chief procurement officer, a execution of the State contract or after execution of the subcontract, whichever is later. A subcontractor, or contractor on behalf of a subcontractor, may redact identify information that is deemed proprietary or confidential. If the chief procurement officer determines the information is not relevant to the primary contract, the chief procurement officer may excuse the inclusion of the information. If the chief procurement officer determines the information is proprietary or could harm the business interest of the subcontractor, the chief procurement officer may, in his or her discretion, redact the information. Redacted information shall not become part of the public record.

(b) If at any time during the term of a contract, a contractor adds or changes any subcontractors, he or she shall

promptly notify, in writing, the chief procurement officer, State purchasing officer, or their designee of the names and addresses of and the expected amount of money each new or replaced subcontractor and the general type of work to be performed. Upon the request of the chief procurement officer appointed pursuant to subsection (a) (2) of Section 10-20, the contractor shall provide the chief procurement officer a copy of any new or amended subcontract so identified within 30 days after the request is made. Prior to submission of the new or amended subcontract to the chief procurement officer, a subcontractor or contractor on behalf of a subcontractor may redact information that is deemed proprietary or confidential. will receive. The contractor shall provide to the responsible chief procurement officer a copy of the subcontract within 20 days after the execution of the subcontract.

- (c) In addition to any other requirements of this Code, a subcontract subject to this Section must include all of the subcontractor's certifications required by Article 50 of the Code.
- 20 (d) This Section applies to procurements solicited on or
  21 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th
  22 General Assembly. The changes made to this Section by this
  23 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly apply to
  24 procurements solicited on or after the effective date of this
  25 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793

- 1 for the effective date of P.A. 96-795); 96-920, eff. 7-1-10.)
- 2 (30 ILCS 500/20-155)

to that particular contract.

- 3 Sec. 20-155. Solicitation and contract documents.
- (a) After award of a contract and subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the procuring agency shall make available for public inspection and copying all pre-award, post-award, administration, and close-out documents relating
- A procurement file shall be maintained for 9 all 10 contracts, regardless of the method of procurement. The 11 procurement file shall contain the basis on which the award is 12 made, all submitted bids and proposals, all evaluation 1.3 materials, score sheets and all other documentation related to 14 or prepared in conjunction with evaluation, negotiation, and 15 the award process. The procurement file shall contain a written 16 determination, signed by the chief procurement officer or State purchasing officer, setting forth the reasoning for the 17 18 contract award decision. The procurement file shall not include trade secrets or other competitively sensitive, confidential, 19 20 or proprietary information. The procurement file shall be open 21 to public inspection within 7 business days following award of 22 the contract.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)

- 1 (30 ILCS 500/20-160)
- 2 Sec. 20-160. Business entities; certification;
- 3 registration with the State Board of Elections.
- 4 (a) For purposes of this Section, the terms "business
- 5 entity", "contract", "State contract", "contract with a State
- 6 agency", "State agency", "affiliated entity", and "affiliated
- 7 person" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section
- 8 50-37.
- 9 (b) Every bid submitted to and every contract executed by
- 10 the State on or after January 1, 2009 (the effective date of
- 11 Public Act 95-971) shall contain (1) a certification by the
- 12 bidder or contractor that either (i) the bidder or contractor
- is not required to register as a business entity with the State
- 14 Board of Elections pursuant to this Section or (ii) the bidder
- or contractor has registered as a business entity with the
- 16 State Board of Elections and acknowledges a continuing duty to
- 17 update the registration and (2) a statement that the contract
- 18 is voidable under Section 50-60 for the bidder's or
- 19 contractor's failure to comply with this Section.
- 20 (c) Within 30 days after the effective date of this
- 21 amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, each business
- 22 entity (i) whose aggregate bids and proposals on State
- contracts annually total more than \$50,000, (ii) whose
- 24 aggregate bids and proposals on State contracts combined with
- 25 the business entity's aggregate annual total value of State
- 26 contracts exceed \$50,000, or (iii) whose contracts with State

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agencies, in the aggregate, annually total more than \$50,000 shall register with the State Board of Elections in accordance with Section 9-35 of the Election Code. A business entity required to register under this subsection shall submit a copy of the certificate of registration to the applicable chief procurement officer within 90 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. A business entity required to register under this subsection due to item (i) or (ii) has a continuing duty to ensure that the registration is accurate during the period beginning on the date of registration and ending on the day after the date the contract is awarded; any change in information must be reported to the State Board of Elections 5 business days following such change or no later than a day before the contract is awarded, whichever date is earlier. A business entity required to register under this subsection due to item (iii) continuing duty to ensure that the registration is accurate in accordance with subsection (e).

(d) Any business entity, not required under subsection (c) to register within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, whose aggregate bids and proposals on State contracts annually total more than \$50,000, or whose aggregate bids and proposals on State contracts combined with the business entity's aggregate annual total value of State contracts exceed \$50,000, shall register with the State Board of Elections in accordance with Section

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9-35 of the Election Code prior to submitting to a State agency the bid or proposal whose value causes the business entity to fall within the monetary description of this subsection. A business entity required to register under this subsection has a continuing duty to ensure that the registration is accurate during the period beginning on the date of registration and ending on the day after the date the contract is awarded. Any change in information must be reported to the State Board of Elections within 5 business days following such change or no later than a day before the contract is awarded, whichever date is earlier.

(e) A business entity whose contracts with State agencies, the aggregate, annually total more than \$50,000 must maintain its registration under this Section and has a continuing duty to ensure that the registration is accurate for duration of the term of office of the incumbent officeholder awarding the contracts or for a period of 2 years following the expiration or termination of the contracts, whichever is longer. A business entity, required to register under this subsection, has a continuing duty to report any changes on a quarterly basis to the State Board of Elections within 10 business days following the last day of January, April, July, and October of each year. Any update pursuant to this paragraph that is received beyond that date is presumed late and the civil penalty authorized by subsection (e) of Section 9-35 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-35) may be 1 assessed.

Also, if a business entity required to register under this subsection has a pending bid or proposal, any change in information shall be reported to the State Board of Elections within 5 business days following such change or no later than a day before the contract is awarded, whichever date is earlier.

- (f) A business entity's continuing duty under this Section to ensure the accuracy of its registration includes the requirement that the business entity notify the State Board of Elections of any change in information, including but not limited to changes of affiliated entities or affiliated persons.
- (g) Upon the submission of a bid or proposal A copy of a certificate of registration must accompany any bid or proposal for a contract with a State agency by a business entity required to register under this Section, the . A chief procurement officer shall verify the status of the business entity's certificate of registration through the State Board of Elections website not accept a bid or proposal unless the certificate is submitted to the agency with the bid or proposal.
- (h) A registration, and any changes to a registration, must include the business entity's verification of accuracy and subjects the business entity to the penalties of the laws of this State for perjury.
- In addition to any penalty under Section 9-35 of the

- 1 Election Code, intentional, willful, or material failure to
- 2 disclose information required for registration shall render
- 3 the contract, bid, proposal, or other procurement relationship
- 4 voidable by the chief procurement officer if he or she deems it
- 5 to be in the best interest of the State of Illinois.
- 6 (i) This Section applies regardless of the method of source
- 7 selection used in awarding the contract.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- 9 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795); 96-848,
- 10 eff. 1-1-10; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)
- 11 (30 ILCS 500/50-5)
- 12 Sec. 50-5. Bribery.
- 13 (a) Prohibition. No person or business shall be awarded a
- 14 contract or subcontract under this Code who:
- 15 (1) has been convicted under the laws of Illinois or
- any other state of bribery or attempting to bribe an
- officer or employee of the State of Illinois or any other
- state in that officer's or employee's official capacity; or
- 19 (2) has made an admission of guilt of that conduct that
- is a matter of record but has not been prosecuted for that
- 21 conduct.
- 22 (b) Businesses. No business shall be barred from
- 23 contracting with any unit of State or local government, or
- 24 subcontracting under such a contract, as a result of a
- 25 conviction under this Section of any employee or agent of the

- business if the employee or agent is no longer employed by the
  business and:
- 3 (1) the business has been finally adjudicated not guilty; or
  - entity with which it seeks to contract or which is a signatory to the contract to which the subcontract relates, and that entity finds that the commission of the offense was not authorized, requested, commanded, or performed by a director, officer, or high managerial agent on behalf of the business as provided in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 5-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961.
  - (c) Conduct on behalf of business. For purposes of this Section, when an official, agent, or employee of a business committed the bribery or attempted bribery on behalf of the business and in accordance with the direction or authorization of a responsible official of the business, the business shall be chargeable with the conduct.
  - executed by the State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this Code shall contain a certification by the contractor or the subcontractor, respectively, that the contractor or subcontractor is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under this Section and acknowledges that the chief procurement officer may declare the related contract void if any certifications required by this Section

- 1 are false. If the false certification is made by a
- 2 subcontractor, then the contractor's submitted bid and the
- 3 executed contract may not be declared void, unless the
- 4 contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the
- 5 State's request after a finding that the subcontract's
- 6 certification was false. A contractor or subcontractor who
- 7 makes a false statement, material to the certification, commits
- 8 a Class 3 felony.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)
- 11 (30 ILCS 500/50-10)
- 12 Sec. 50-10. Felons.
- 13 (a) Unless otherwise provided, no person or business
- 14 convicted of a felony shall do business with the State of
- 15 Illinois or any State agency, or enter into a subcontract, from
- 16 the date of conviction until 5 years after the date of
- 17 completion of the sentence for that felony, unless no person
- held responsible by a prosecutorial office for the facts upon
- 19 which the conviction was based continues to have any
- involvement with the business.
- 21 (b) Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the
- 22 State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this
- 23 Code shall contain a certification by the bidder or contractor
- or subcontractor, respectively, that the bidder, contractor,
- or subcontractor is not barred from being awarded a contract or

- 1 subcontract under this Section and acknowledges that the chief
- 2 procurement officer may declare the related contract void if
- 3 any of the certifications required by this Section are false.
- 4 If the false certification is made by a subcontractor, then the
- 5 contractor's submitted bid and the executed contract may not be
- declared void, unless the contractor refuses to terminate the
- 7 subcontract upon the State's request after a finding that the
- 8 subcontract's certification was false.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)
- 11 (30 ILCS 500/50-10.5)
- 12 Sec. 50-10.5. Prohibited bidders and contractors.
- 13 (a) Unless otherwise provided, no business shall bid or
- 14 enter into a contract or subcontract under this Code if the
- 15 business or any officer, director, partner, or other managerial
- agent of the business has been convicted of a felony under the
- 17 Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or a Class 3 or Class 2 felony under
- the Illinois Securities Law of 1953 for a period of 5 years
- 19 from the date of conviction.
- 20 (b) Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the
- 21 State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this
- 22 Code shall contain a certification by the bidder, contractor,
- or subcontractor, respectively, that the bidder, contractor,
- or subcontractor is not barred from being awarded a contract or
- 25 subcontract under this Section and acknowledges that the chief

| 1 | procurement officer shall declare the related contract void if  |
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| 2 | any of the certifications completed pursuant to this subsection |
| 3 | (b) are false. If the false certification is made by a          |
| 4 | subcontractor, then the contractor's submitted bid and the      |
| 5 | executed contract may not be declared void, unless the          |
| 6 | contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the        |
| 7 | State's request after a finding that the subcontract's          |
| 8 | certification was false.  |
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- (c) If a business is not a natural person, the prohibition in subsection (a) applies only if:
  - (1) the business itself is convicted of a felony referenced in subsection (a); or
  - (2) the business is ordered to pay punitive damages based on the conduct of any officer, director, partner, or other managerial agent who has been convicted of a felony referenced in subsection (a).
- (d) A natural person who is convicted of a felony referenced in subsection (a) remains subject to Section 50-10.
- (e) No person or business shall bid or enter into a contract under this Code if the person or business:
  - (1) assisted the State of Illinois or a State agency in determining whether there is a need for a contract except as part of a response to a publicly issued request for information; or
  - (2) assisted <u>an employee of</u> the State of Illinois <u>who</u>, by the nature of his or her duties, has the authority to

participate personally and substantially in the decision to award a State contract or a State agency by reviewing, drafting, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request for information or provided similar assistance except as part of a publicly issued opportunity to review drafts of all or part of these documents.

This subsection does not prohibit a person or business from submitting a bid or proposal or entering into a contract if the person or business: (i) initiates a communication with an employee to provide general information about products, services, or industry best practices and, if applicable, that communication is documented in accordance with Section 50-39 or (ii) responds to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

For purposes of this subsection (e), "business" includes all individuals with whom a business is affiliated, including, but not limited to, any officer, agent, employee, consultant, independent contractor, director, partner, or manager, or shareholder of a business.

22 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793

for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795); 96-920,

24 eff. 7-1-10.)

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Sec. 50-11. Debt delinquency.

- (a) No person shall submit a bid for or enter into a contract or subcontract under this Code if that person knows or should know that he or she or any affiliate is delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State, unless the person or affiliate has entered into a deferred payment plan to pay off the debt. For purposes of this Section, the phrase "delinquent in the payment of any debt" shall be determined by the Debt Collection Bureau. For purposes of this Section, the term "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes of this subsection (a), a person controls an entity if the person owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the voting securities of that entity. As used in this subsection (a), the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security.
  - (b) Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this Code shall contain a certification by the bidder, contractor,

or subcontractor, respectively, that the contractor or the 1 2 subcontractor and its affiliate is not barred from being awarded a contract or subcontract under this Section and 3 acknowledges that the chief procurement officer may declare the 5 related contract void if any of the certifications completed pursuant to this subsection (b) are false. If the false 6 certification is made by a subcontractor, then the contractor's 7 submitted bid and the executed contract may not be declared 8 9 void, unless the contractor refuses to terminate the 10 subcontract upon the State's request after a finding that the 11 subcontract's certification was false.

- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-493, eff. 1-1-10; 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see 13 Section 5 of P.A. 96-793 for effective date of changes made by
- 14 P.A. 96-795); 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)
- 15 (30 ILCS 500/50-12)
- Sec. 50-12. Collection and remittance of Illinois Use Tax.
- (a) No person shall enter into a contract with a State 17 agency or enter into a subcontract under this Code unless the 18 person and all affiliates of the person collect and remit 19 20 Illinois Use Tax on all sales of tangible personal property 21 into the State of Illinois in accordance with the provisions of 22 the Illinois Use Tax Act regardless of whether the person or affiliate is a "retailer maintaining a place of business within 23 24 this State" as defined in Section 2 of the Use Tax Act. For 25 purposes of this Section, the term "affiliate" means any entity

that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes of this subsection (a), an entity controls another entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the voting securities of that entity. As used in this subsection (a), the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security.

(b) Every bid submitted and contract executed by the State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this Code shall contain a certification by the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, respectively, that the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor is not barred from bidding for or entering into a contract under subsection (a) of this Section and acknowledges that the chief procurement officer may declare the related contract void if any of the certifications completed pursuant to this subsection (b) are false. If the false certification is made by a subcontractor, then the contractor's submitted bid and the executed contract may not be declared void, unless the contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the State's request after a finding that the subcontract's

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- certification was false.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)
- 4 (30 ILCS 500/50-14)
- 5 Sec. 50-14. Environmental Protection Act violations.
- 6 (a) Unless otherwise provided, no person or business found 7 by a court or the Pollution Control Board to have committed a 8 willful or knowing violation of the Environmental Protection 9 Act shall do business with the State of Illinois or any State 10 agency or enter into a subcontract that is subject to this Code 11 from the date of the order containing the finding of violation 12 until 5 years after that date, unless the person or business can show that no person involved in the violation continues to 1.3 14 have any involvement with the business.
  - (b) A person or business otherwise barred from doing business with the State of Illinois or any State agency or subcontracting under this Code by subsection (a) may be allowed to do business with the State of Illinois or any State agency if it is shown that there is no practicable alternative to the State to contracting with that person or business.
  - (c) Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the State and every subcontract subject to Section 20-120 of this Code shall contain a certification by the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor, respectively, that the bidder, contractor, or subcontractor is not barred from being awarded a contract or

- subcontract under this Section and acknowledges that the contracting State agency may declare the related contract void if any of the certifications completed pursuant to this
- 4 subsection (c) are false. If the false certification is made by
- 5 <u>a subcontractor, then the contractor's submitted bid and the</u>
- 6 <u>executed contract may not be declared void, unless the</u>
- 7 <u>contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the</u>
- 8 State's request after a finding that the subcontract's
- 9 certification was false.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- 11 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795).)
- 12 (30 ILCS 500/50-35)

of interest.

- Sec. 50-35. Financial disclosure and potential conflicts
- 15 (a) All offers from responsive bidders or offerors with an
- annual value of more than \$25,000, and all subcontracts
- identified as provided by Section 20-120 of this Code, shall be
- 18 accompanied by disclosure of the financial interests of the
- 19 contractor, bidder, or proposer and each subcontractor to be
- 20 used. The financial disclosure of each successful bidder or
- 21 offeror and its subcontractors shall be incorporated as a
- 22 material term of the contract and shall become part of the
- 23 publicly available contract or procurement file maintained by
- 24 the appropriate chief procurement officer. Each disclosure
- 25 under this Section and Section 50 34 shall be signed and made

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- under penalty of perjury by an authorized officer or employee on behalf of the bidder or offeror, and must be filed with the Procurement Policy Board.
  - (b) Disclosure shall include any ownership or distributive income share that is in excess of 5%, or an amount greater than 60% of the annual salary of the Governor, of the disclosing entity or its parent entity, whichever is less, unless the contractor, bidder, or subcontractor (i) is a publicly traded entity subject to Federal 10K reporting, in which case it may submit its 10K disclosure in place of the prescribed disclosure, or (ii) is a privately held entity that is exempt from Federal 10k reporting but has more than 200 shareholders, in which case it may submit the information that Federal 10k reporting companies are required to report under 17 CFR 229.401 and list the names of any person or entity holding any ownership share that is in excess of 5% in place of the prescribed disclosure. The form of disclosure shall prescribed by the applicable chief procurement officer and must include at least the names, addresses, and dollar proportionate share of ownership of each person identified in this Section, their instrument of ownership or beneficial relationship, and notice of any potential conflict of interest resulting from the current ownership or beneficial relationship of each person identified in this Section having in addition any of the following relationships:
    - (1) State employment, currently or in the previous 3

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- years, including contractual employment of services.
  - (2) State employment of spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter, including contractual employment for services in the previous 2 years.
  - (3) Elective status; the holding of elective office of the State of Illinois, the government of the United States, any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois currently or in the previous 3 years.
  - (4) Relationship to anyone holding elective office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter.
  - (5) Appointive office; the holding of any appointive government office of the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or any unit of local government authorized by the Constitution of the State of Illinois or the statutes of the State of Illinois, which office entitles the holder to compensation in excess of expenses incurred in the discharge of that office currently or in the previous 3 years.
  - (6) Relationship to anyone holding appointive office currently or in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter.
  - (7) Employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, as or by any registered lobbyist of the State government.
    - (8) Relationship to anyone who is or was a registered

lobbyist in the previous 2 years; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter.

- (9) Compensated employment, currently or in the previous 3 years, by any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections.
- (10) Relationship to anyone; spouse, father, mother, son, or daughter; who is or was a compensated employee in the last 2 years of any registered election or re-election committee registered with the Secretary of State or any county clerk in the State of Illinois, or any political action committee registered with either the Secretary of State or the Federal Board of Elections.
- (b-1) The disclosure required under this Section must also include the name and address of each lobbyist required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act and other agent of the bidder or offeror who is not identified under subsections (a) and (b), and who has communicated, is communicating, or may communicate with any State officer or employee concerning the bid or offer, and is not an employee of the bidder or offeror. The disclosure under this subsection is a continuing obligation and must be promptly supplemented for accuracy throughout the process and throughout the term of the contract if the bid or offer is successful.

- (b-2) The disclosure required under this Section must also include, for each of the persons identified in subsection (b) or (b-1), each of the following that occurred within the previous 10 years: debarment from contracting with any governmental entity; professional licensure discipline; bankruptcies; adverse civil judgments and administrative findings; and criminal felony convictions. The disclosure under this subsection is a continuing obligation and must be promptly supplemented for accuracy throughout the process and throughout the term of the contract if the bid or offer is successful.
- (c) The disclosure in subsection (b) is not intended to prohibit or prevent any contract. The disclosure is meant to fully and publicly disclose any potential conflict to the chief procurement officers, State purchasing officers, their designees, and executive officers so they may adequately discharge their duty to protect the State.
- (d) When a potential for a conflict of interest is identified, discovered, or reasonably suspected, the chief procurement officer or State procurement officer shall send the contract to the Procurement Policy Board. In accordance with the objectives of subsection (c), the Procurement Policy Board shall provide written notice to the contractor or subcontractor that is identified, discovered, or reasonably suspected of having such potential for a conflict of interest. The contractor or subcontractor shall have 30 days to respond in

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writing to the Board, and a hearing before the Board will be granted upon the contractor's or subcontractor's request. Upon consideration, the The Board shall recommend, in writing, whether to allow or void the contract, bid, offer, subcontract weighing the best interest of the State of Illinois. All recommendations shall be submitted to the chief procurement officer. The chief procurement officer must hold a public hearing if the Procurement Policy Board makes recommendation to (i) void a contract or (ii) void a bid or offer and the chief procurement officer selected or intends to award the contract to the bidder or offeror. A chief procurement officer is prohibited from awarding a contract before a hearing if the Board recommendation does not support a bid or offer. The recommendation and proceedings of any hearing, if applicable, shall become part of the contract, bid, or proposal file and shall be available to the public.

- (e) These thresholds and disclosure do not relieve the chief procurement officer, the State purchasing officer, or their designees from reasonable care and diligence for any contract, bid, offer, or proposal. The chief procurement officer, the State purchasing officer, or their designees shall be responsible for using any reasonably known and publicly available information to discover any undisclosed potential conflict of interest and act to protect the best interest of the State of Illinois.
  - (f) Inadvertent or accidental failure to fully disclose

- shall render the contract, bid, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the chief procurement officer if he or she deems it in the best interest of the State of Illinois and, at his or her discretion, may be cause for barring from future contracts, bids, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships with the State for a period of up to 2 years.
  - shall render the contract, bid, proposal, subcontract, or relationship voidable by the chief procurement officer if he or she deems it in the best interest of the State of Illinois and shall result in debarment from future contracts, bids, proposals, subcontracts, or relationships for a period of not less than 2 years and not more than 10 years. Reinstatement after 2 years and before 10 years must be reviewed and commented on in writing by the Governor of the State of Illinois, or by an executive ethics board or commission he or she might designate. The comment shall be returned to the responsible chief procurement officer who must rule in writing whether and when to reinstate.
    - (h) In addition, all disclosures shall note any other current or pending contracts, proposals, subcontracts, leases, or other ongoing procurement relationships the bidding, proposing, offering, or subcontracting entity has with any other unit of State government and shall clearly identify the unit and the contract, proposal, lease, or other relationship.
      - (i) The contractor or bidder has a continuing obligation to

- 1 supplement the disclosure required by this Section throughout
- 2 the bidding process or during the term of any contract.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793
- for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795); 96-920,
- 5 eff. 7-1-10; 97-490, eff. 8-22-11.)
- 6 (30 ILCS 500/50-39)
- 7 Sec. 50-39. Procurement communications reporting
- 8 requirement.
- 9 (a) Any written or oral communication received by a State
- 10 employee who, by the nature of his or her duties, has the
- 11 <u>authority to participate personally and substantially in the</u>
- 12 <u>decision to award a State contract and</u> that imparts or requests
- 13 material information or makes a material argument regarding
- 14 potential action concerning an active a procurement matter,
- including, but not limited to, an application, a contract, or a
- 16 project, shall be reported to the Procurement Policy Board,
- 17 and, with respect to the Illinois Power Agency, by the
- 18 initiator of the communication, and may be reported also by the
- 19 recipient. For purposes of this Section, "active procurement
- 20 matter" means a procurement process beginning with publication
- in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin; "material information"
- means information that a reasonable person would deem important
- 23 in determining his or her course of action and pertains to
- 24 <u>significant issues</u>, including, but not limited to, price,
- 25 quantity, and terms of payment or performance; and "material

argument" means a communication that a reasonable person would believe was made for the purpose of influencing a decision relating to a procurement matter. "Material argument" does not include general information about products, services, or industry best practices or a response to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

Any person communicating orally, in writing, electronically, or otherwise with the Director or any person employed by, or associated with, the Illinois Power Agency to impart, solicit, or transfer any information related to the content of any power procurement plan, the manner of conducting any power procurement process, the procurement of any power supply, or the method or structure of contracting with power suppliers must disclose to the Procurement Policy Board the full nature, content, and extent of any such communication in writing by submitting a report with the following information:

- (1) The names of any party to the communication.
- (2) The date on which the communication occurred.
- (3) The time at which the communication occurred.
  - (4) The duration of the communication.
- 23 (5) The method (written, oral, etc.) of the communication.
- 25 (6) A summary of the substantive content of the communication.

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These communications do not include the following: (i) statements by a person publicly made in a public forum; (ii) statements regarding matters of procedure and practice, such as format, the number of copies required, the manner of filing, and the status of a matter; and (iii) statements made by a State employee of the agency to the agency head or other employees of that agency, or to the employees of the Executive Ethics Commission, or to an employee of another State agency who, through the communication, is either exercising his or her experience or expertise in the subject matter of the particular procurement in the normal course of business or exercising oversight or supervisory or management authority over the procurement in the normal course of business; (iv) unsolicited communications providing general information about products, services, or industry best practices before those products or services become involved in a procurement matter; (v) communications received in response to procurement solicitations, including, but not limited to, vendor responses to a request for information, request for proposal, request for qualifications, invitation for bid, or a small purchase, sole source, or emergency solicitation, or questions and answers posted to the Procurement Bulletins to supplement the procurement action, provided that the communications are made in accordance with the instructions contained in the procurement solicitation, procedures, or guidelines; (vi) communications that are privileged, protected, or confidential

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under law; and (vii) communications that are part of a formal procurement process as set out by statute, rule, or the solicitation, guidelines, or procedures, including, but not limited to, the posting of procurement opportunities, the process for approving a procurement business case or its equivalent, fiscal approval, submission of bids, the finalizing of contract terms and conditions with an awardee or apparent awardee, and similar formal procurement processes. provisions of this Section shall The not apply communications regarding the administration and implementation of an existing contract, except communications regarding change orders or the renewal or extension of a contract.

(b) The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted monthly and include at least the following: (i) the date and time of each communication; (ii) the identity of each person from whom the written or oral communication was received, the individual or entity represented by that person, and any action the person requested or recommended; (iii) the identity and job title of the person to whom each communication was made; (iv) if a response is made, the identity and job title of the person making each response; (v) a detailed summary of the points made by each person involved in the communication; (vii) the duration of the communication; (viii) the location or locations of all persons involved in the communication and, if the communication occurred by telephone, the telephone numbers for the callers and recipients of the

- 1 communication; and (viii) any other pertinent information. No 2 proprietary or confidential information shall be included in 3 any communication reported to the Procurement Policy Board.
  - (c) Additionally, when an oral communication made by a person required to register under the Lobbyist Registration Act is received by a State employee that is covered under this Section, all individuals who initiate or participate in the oral communication shall submit a written report to that State employee that memorializes the communication and includes, but is not limited to, the items listed in subsection (b).
  - (d) The Procurement Policy Board shall make each report submitted pursuant to this Section available on its website within 7 days after its receipt of the report. The Procurement Policy Board may promulgate rules to ensure compliance with this Section.
  - (e) The reporting requirements shall also be conveyed through ethics training under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. An employee who knowingly and intentionally violates this Section shall be subject to suspension or discharge. The Executive Ethics Commission shall promulgate rules, including emergency rules, to implement this Section.
  - (f) This Section becomes operative on January 1, 2011.

    (Source: P.A. 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see Section 5 of P.A. 96-793 for the effective date of changes made by P.A. 96-795); 96-920, eff. 7-1-10; 97-333, eff. 8-12-11; 97-618, eff. 10-26-11.)

- 1 (30 ILCS 500/50-60)
- 2 Sec. 50-60. Voidable contracts.
  - (a) If any contract or amendment thereto is entered into or purchase or expenditure of funds is made at any time in violation of this Code or any other law, the contract or amendment thereto may be declared void by the chief procurement officer or may be ratified and affirmed, provided the chief procurement officer determines that ratification is in the best interests of the State. If the contract is ratified and affirmed, it shall be without prejudice to the State's rights to any appropriate damages.
    - (b) If, during the term of a contract, the chief procurement officer determines that the contractor is delinquent in the payment of debt as set forth in Section 50-11 of this Code, the chief procurement officer may declare the contract void if it determines that voiding the contract is in the best interests of the State. The Debt Collection Bureau shall adopt rules for the implementation of this subsection (b).
    - (c) If, during the term of a contract, the chief procurement officer determines that the contractor is in violation of Section 50-10.5 of this Code, the chief procurement officer shall declare the contract void.
  - (d) If, during the term of a contract, the contracting agency learns from an annual certification or otherwise determines that the contractor no longer qualifies to enter

- into State contracts by reason of Section 50-5, 50-10, 50-12,
- 2 50-14, or 50-14.5 of this Article, the chief procurement
- 3 officer may declare the contract void if it determines that
- 4 voiding the contract is in the best interests of the State.
- 5 (e) If, during the term of a contract, the chief
- 6 procurement officer learns from an annual certification or
- 7 otherwise determines that a subcontractor subject to Section
- 8 20-120 no longer qualifies to enter into State contracts by
- 9 reason of Section 50-5, 50-10, 50-10.5, 50-11, 50-12, 50-14, or
- 10 50-14.5 of this Article, the chief procurement officer may
- 11 declare the related contract void if it determines that voiding
- 12 the contract is in the best interests of the State. However,
- 13 the related contract shall not be declared void unless the
- 14 contractor refuses to terminate the subcontract upon the
- 15 <u>State's request after a finding that the subcontractor no</u>
- longer qualifies to enter into State contracts by reason of one
- of the Sections listed in this subsection.
- 18 (f) The changes to this Section made by Public Act 96-795
- 19 apply to actions taken by the chief procurement officer on or
- 20 after July 1, 2010.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 96-493, eff. 1-1-10; 96-795, eff. 7-1-10 (see
- Section 5 of P.A. 96-793 for the effective date of changes made
- 23 by P.A. 96-795); 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)
- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 25 becoming law.

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