

## Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion

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## Fiscal Year 2026 BEP Compliance Plan Instructions

As required by the BEP Act, we request that you submit your purchasing entity's Fiscal Year 2026 BEP Compliance Plan. The Compliance Plan must be completed using Microsoft Forms and submitted by June 30, 2025.

Please note that the Compliance Plan is not considered complete until the required policy statement is sent to <a href="mailto:cei.bep.compliance@illinois.gov">cei.bep.compliance@illinois.gov</a>. This policy statement must be signed by the head of your agency or public institution of higher education and demonstrate a clear commitment to promoting the use of businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. It should also detail how your leadership encourages supplier diversity and integrates this commitment into procurement activities.

Agencies, boards, and commissions can access and complete the Fiscal Year 2026 BEP Compliance Plan <u>here</u>. Public universities can access and complete the Fiscal Year 2026 BEP Compliance Plan <u>here</u>. Community colleges can access and complete the Fiscal Year 2026 BEP Compliance Plan <u>here</u>.

Please note that starting in fiscal year 2026, administrative code exemptions will no longer be included in the compliance plan submission. These requests will now be handled separately through the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual BEP Expenditure Report.

Community colleges must also send a copy of their final submission to the Illinois Community College Board at <a href="mailto:ICCB.Finance@illinois.gov">ICCB.Finance@illinois.gov</a>.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supplier diversity and for adhering to the timelines outlined above.