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Commission on Equity and Inclusion Releases Fiscal Year 2024 BEP Annual Expenditure Report

Springfield, IL, March 11, 2025 — The Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) has released its Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Annual Expenditure Report for the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities (BEP), in accordance with Section 8f of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (BEP Act). This report showcases the State of Illinois' (State) progress in supplier diversity and identifies the FY24 BEP achievements of State agencies, boards, commissions, and public institutions of higher education subject to the BEP Act.

"CEI's mission is to maximize supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion by ensuring access to contracting opportunities by developing procedures and initiatives that make the procurement process inclusive, fair, and equitable while providing support, education, and mentorship. Our vision is to be a transformational leader in fostering an equitable and inclusive procurement environment where supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion are promoted and protected for the economic growth of underserved businesses in Illinois," said Alexandria Wilson, JD, CPPB, the Executive Director of CEI.

Report Executive Summary

This report outlines the qualified State dollars spent subject to and spent on the BEP aspirational goal, provides a review of CEI's FY24 programmatic and operational accomplishments, showcases the individual performances of the State agencies, boards, commissions, and public institutions of higher education subject to the BEP Act during FY24, and includes an analysis of the number of BEP-certified vendors.

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