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Commission on Equity and Inclusion Releases Fiscal Year 2023 BEP Annual Expenditure Report

Springfield, IL, March 1, 2024— The Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) releases its Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Expenditure Report for the Business Enterprise Program for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities (BEP), pursuant to Section 8f of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act (BEP Act). This report highlights Illinois' supplier diversity progress and identifies the FY23 BEP achievement of State agencies 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. It is our vision to be a trailblazing leader in fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive procurement environment where supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion are celebrated, and opportunities are accessible to all, driving positive social impact and economic growth," said Alexandria Wilson, the Acting Executive Director of CEI.

Report Executive Summary

CEI submits to the Governor and General Assembly the FY23 BEP Annual Expenditure Report, which outlines the qualified State dollars spent subject to the BEP aspirational goal, provides a review of CEI's FY23 programmatic accomplishments, illustrates the performance of the State agencies and public institutions of higher education subject to the BEP Act during FY23, includes an analysis of the number of BEP-certified vendors, and denotes a summary of the number of contracts awarded to businesses by annual gross sale.

To access CEI's FY23 BEP Annual Report, please visit <https://cei.illinois.gov/business-enterprise-program/compliance/bep-annual-reports.html>.

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