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Commission on Equity and Inclusion Welcomes all to the 2025 Illinois State Fair

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) is proud to announce its participation in the 2025 Illinois State Fair, taking place August 7–17 in Springfield. As part of its ongoing mission to foster a more inclusive and equitable procurement landscape throughout state government, CEI will host a resource packed informational booth with Business Enterprise Program (BEP) and Veterans Business Program (VBP) resources, business develop tools, guidance to help increase supplier diversity, and conversations designed to engage fairgoers interested in becoming certified with the State of Illinois, and procurement opportunities.

CEI's booth, located in the Senior Center on August 10th and August 11th, will showcase CEI's outreach efforts, training resources, and provide an opportunity for visitors to snag some cool CEI swag while meeting with staff and learning about upcoming initiatives. On August 13th, CEI will also share tent space with the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR).

"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**. "The State Fair offers a unique opportunity to connect with residents and business owners from all over and to celebrate the richness that makes our state thrive."

CEI invites all attendees to stop by to visit us.

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