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**Commission on Equity and Inclusion Welcomes all to the 2026 Illinois State Fair**

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) is proud to announce its participation in the 2026 Illinois State Fair, taking place August 13–23 in Springfield. As part of its ongoing mission to foster a more inclusive and equitable procurement landscape throughout state government, CEI will provide 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 Illinois Building Senior Center on August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup>, will showcase CEI's outreach efforts, State of Illinois BEP and VBP certification resources, and provide an opportunity for visitors to snag some cool CEI swag while meeting with staff and learning about upcoming initiatives.

"CEI is committed to advancing pathways that help communities prosper by ensuring access to contracting opportunities and establishing procedures and initiatives that promote inclusive, fair, and equitable procurement supported by education, guidance and mentorship. Our vision is to serve as a transformational leader in fostering an equitable and inclusive procurement environment where accessibility is upheld to support the economic growth of businesses in Illinois," said **Robin Streets, Interim 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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