



*CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICE
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Encouragement to hire:

Qualified Veterans, Minorities, Females, Persons with Disabilities and Ex-offenders.

Section 15-25(a) of the Illinois Procurement Code requires that we publish in the Illinois Procurement Bulletin an encouragement to prospective vendors to hire "qualified veterans, as defined by Section 45-67 of this Code, and qualified Illinois minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and residents discharged from any Illinois adult correctional center."

In furtherance of this requirement, this notice is a general encouragement to prospective vendors to hire qualified veterans as defined by Section 45-67 of this Code; qualified Illinois minorities, women, and persons with disabilities; and residents discharged from Illinois adult correctional centers.

Vendors who hire qualified veterans or ex-offenders may be eligible for Illinois tax credits (35 ILCS 5/216 and 5/217). Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue for tax credit information (312-814-3215). Vendors who receive a tax credit must report the number of individuals hired for whom a tax credit has been received and must submit this information by August 31 of each year for the preceding 12 month period that ended on June 30. Reports should be sent to:

Chief Procurement Officer
Tax Credit Report
Room 301 Stratton Building
401 S. Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62706

In addition, the Illinois Department of Human Services has a program to provide employers a financial incentive to hire individuals with disabilities. This program ends during September 2011. Interested employers may contact the Department of Human Services at 1-877-761-9780 for details.