



## Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

JB Pritzker, Governor

### Southwest Region Weekly Update August 16, 2024

#### State Releases 5 Year Economic Development Plan

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) released Illinois' 2024 Economic Growth Plan, a five-year plan to guide Illinois' economic development priorities and programming. Building upon Illinois' success, this plan outlines a roadmap to attract record-level investments, create jobs and support communities over the next five years while laying the foundation for economic growth for generations to come.

Illinois' 2024 Economic Growth Plan is guided by four overarching economic development goals:

- Focus on high growth sectors and continue overall business climate improvements
- Advance comprehensive economic development efforts for business growth and attraction
- Promote equitable growth by empowering workers, entrepreneurs, and communities
- Build out the new clean energy economy

Illinois is laying the foundation for long-term growth by focusing on key growth industries:

- Life sciences
- Quantum computing, AI, and microelectronics
- Clean energy production and manufacturing
- Advanced manufacturing
- Next generation agriculture, agriculture tech and food processing
- Transportation, distribution, and logistics

This plan is the result of an extensive research, planning, and stakeholder engagement process, involving hundreds of stakeholders from every corner of the economic development ecosystem, including local communities, and experts from a range of industries. The full plan can be viewed on [DCEO's website](#). To submit questions or comments about the plan, email [CEO.EconomicPlan2024@Illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.EconomicPlan2024@Illinois.gov).

#### Regional Site Readiness Program NOFO – **application deadline October 21**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced \$42 million in funding for the Regional Site Readiness Program. The goal of this program is to ensure sites are better prepared to attract future investment and new job opportunities in the industrial sector across all 10 of Illinois' Economic Development Regions. Grantees will be selected through two competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) processes – 1) Planning and 2) Capital Ready.

The Regional Site Readiness Program aims to better prepare sites for industrial development in all [10 of DCEO's Economic Development Regions](#). The program will create a more comprehensive state-wide strategy that builds upon [DCEO's Megasites Investment Program](#) and complements [Intersect Illinois' Vetted Sites Program](#).

Grantees will be selected through two competitive NOFOs: 1) [Planning](#) and 2) [Capital Ready](#). DCEO will invest in *Planning* activities such as environmental due diligence and preliminary engineering costs, as well as *Capital Ready* activities including capital improvements to road or utility infrastructure to increase the number of sites ready for industrial development. **Applications are due on Monday, October 21, 2024.**

For more information, please visit the NOFO websites ([Planning](#) or [Capital Ready](#)) and send questions to [CEO.Sites@Illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.Sites@Illinois.gov). We will also be hosting Technical Assistance (TA) Sessions over the next month to talk about the NOFOs, answer questions, and provide information on becoming GATA pre-qualified. Dates of the TA Sessions are below, and you can register by clicking on the date(s) you'd like to attend.

- [TA Session 3: Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2pm - 3pm](#)



## National Black Business Month 2024

### *Empowering Excellence: Proudly Celebrating National Black Business Month in Illinois*

August is National Black Business Month. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) recognizes that the goods and services Black businesses produce contribute to our state's economic growth, and the creativity and resilience of Black entrepreneurs fuels future innovations that transform the nation and world around us. For this reason, Illinois is proud to be at the forefront of saluting and advancing Black entrepreneurship this month, and all year long. Through the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE), Illinois is celebrating August as Black Business Month. This monthlong celebration includes a series of events highlighting community leaders, organizations, and business enterprises throughout the state, as well as a "Shop Black-owned Business Saturdays," inviting Illinoisans to support and highlight companies in their community via social media.

#### Black Business Month Events

### **WEBINAR – [Empowering Excellence: Proudly Celebrating National Black Business Month in Illinois](#)**

**Wednesday | August 21, 2024 | 12:00pm – 1:30pm**

Black Business represents the standard of excellence in Illinois. There are countless examples of entrepreneurs and business leaders that are making an impact – creating jobs, transforming neighborhoods, and delivering products and services that spur growth in the Illinois economy. Join us for a virtual panel to hear the stories of success and insights from thought leaders and company owners as part of our celebration of National Black Business Month 2024.

## Black Business Month 2024 Social Media Toolkit

Download our [social media toolkit](#) to use graphics, sample posts and other ideas and help us amplify Black Business Month 2024.

## OMEE Business Resource Library

The Illinois Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) has created a set of resources to help entrepreneurs navigate the business ownership process. This page will be populated with video content, helpful documents, and links to information – including the Statewide Black Business Survey – that will assist community leaders and business owners as they build a successful company in Illinois.

## “Shop Black Saturdays” Campaign

Join DCEO as we celebrate “Shop Black Saturdays.” Each Saturday in August, we encourage Illinoisans to support Black-owned businesses in their community. To help promote the amazing products and services offered, take photos and share the experience using the hashtag #ShopBlackSaturday

The State’s Black Business Month activities are presented by OMEE. For more information on Black Business Month events planned for businesses, contact Matthew J. Simpson, the African American Business Development Manager, at [Matthew.Simpson@illinois.gov](mailto:Matthew.Simpson@illinois.gov).

## Apprenticeship Illinois 2024 Employer Events

### **EMPLOYER FOCUS GROUPS (virtual)**

Focus Groups will provide a virtual collaborative listening environment for industry leaders and employers to voice their feedback on the Illinois workforce system, its ongoing programs, and future policy efforts. These guided sessions will be a space for open dialogue on hiring difficulties, best practices, and the challenges and opportunities facing businesses.

**Two identical sessions will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup>: one from 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, and one from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM via Zoom.** Due to the space limits, the registration for this time may close and individuals will be added to a wait list for future events. Contact information from those who expressed interest after capacity has been met will be saved for potential future focus groups.

Please note:

- There is a maximum capacity of 40 attendees for this event.
- This focus group is for employers only - No more than two attendees from the same company please
- Attendance at this event is confirmed when you receive the Zoom link.
- Messaging will be sent out to those not selected once capacity is met.

- **September 9, 2024, 11:00am-12:30pm**

- Registration Link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IWIB\\_FocusGroup\\_1\\_2024](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IWIB_FocusGroup_1_2024)

- **September 9, 2024, 3:00-4:30pm**

- Registration Link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IWIB\\_FocusGroup\\_2\\_2024](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/IWIB_FocusGroup_2_2024)

### **LUNCH AND LEARN WEBINARS**

The Apprenticeship Expansion webinar series includes presentations from workforce partners from different state agencies and apprenticeship stakeholders to highlight best practices for collaboration on the development of registered apprenticeship programs. In combining these guest webinars with a core curriculum that emphasizes

expediency, equity, creativity, and thoughtful partnership for apprenticeship outreach and registration, the Apprenticeship Illinois team aims to cultivate a cohort of apprenticeship professionals.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Webinar Topic</u>
July 23, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Apprenticeship Fundamentals (PPT) - Recorded</u></a>
July 30, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Best Practices for Employer Recruitment (PPT) - Recorded</u></a>
August 13, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Engaging with IBST Stakeholders for Successful Partnerships</u></a>
August 20, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Utilizing Data for Effective Business Outreach</u></a>
August 27, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Guidance for Collaborating with DOL Office of Apprenticeship</u></a>
September 10, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Working with High-Impact Intermediaries and Community Colleges</u></a>
September 17, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Collaborating with IDHS-DRS on RAP Outreach and Development</u></a>
October 1, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Apprenticeship, CTE, and Secondary Education</u></a>
October 8, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Energize Apprenticeships! CEJA and RAPs</u></a>
October 15, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Thinking Local: Working with Chambers and EDC's</u></a>
October 22, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Educating Educators: Case Study of Educator Pre-Apprenticeship to Apprenticeship Model</u></a>
November 12, 2024	<a href="#"><u>National Apprenticeship Week: Showcasing successful programs developed from grants</u></a>
December 10, 2024	<a href="#"><u>Yearly Health Check-Up: Reflections and Advice from Illinois Healthcare Apprenticeships</u></a>

### **APPRENTICESHIP BOOTCAMP**

**Overview:** The apprenticeship bootcamp is an intensive two-day experiential learning conference designed to train public workforce stakeholders in concepts relating to registered apprenticeship and business service team integration. Participants will hear from subject matter experts and apply their knowledge directly in a series of in-depth strategy sessions designed to strengthen local collaboration and align statewide apprenticeship outreach and development efforts.

**Registration:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APIL\\_Bootcamp\\_Registration\\_24](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APIL_Bootcamp_Registration_24)

**Who:** Integrated Business Service Team Members (Title I-IV Partners, Economic Development Orgs, Community Colleges, K-12 Education, DCEO RED Team, Municipalities)

**When:** September 23<sup>rd</sup> (9:00am-5:00pm) & September 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-3:00pm)

**Where:** Location TBD (Chicagoland South or West)

### **State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program - Loan TA Program – application deadline September 3**

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) is excited to announce the launch of the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Technical Assistance (TA) Loan TA Program. We are seeking proposals from qualified technical assistance providers to support businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDI) and very small businesses (VSBs) participating in or seeking assistance from SSBCI-funded programs.

This initiative aims to provide statewide support to eligible beneficiaries of the SSBCI Technical Assistance (TA) Grant Program. The Loan TA Program will assist small businesses in applying for SSBCI funding and other government small business programs. We prioritize services that promote equitable economic opportunities by enhancing businesses' awareness, readiness, and capability to acquire capital, foster entrepreneurial growth, and improve financial and business management skills.

Eligible Applicants include:

- Legal, Accounting, or Financial advisory Non-Profit or For-Profit entities.
- Collaborative application submissions from eligible entities may include business support organizations, economic development organizations, for-profit or non-profit professional entities, or community development financial institutions. Applicants are strongly encouraged to partner with other federally funded technical assistance providers, such as the Illinois Small Business Development Centers, funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), for the provision of a portion of resources to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of services provided.

Potential applicants must be able to administer the three (3) TA services – legal, accounting, and financial advisory services, and any wraparound services – to eligible beneficiaries, either directly or through a coalition of contractual partners.

#### **Award Information**

- DCEO intends to award six (6) grants eligible applicants within defined geographic regions across the state.
- Each award is intended for one of the six specified service regions detailed on pages 4 – 5 of the NOFO. Applicants may apply for multiple service regions but must submit separate applications for each.

Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is \$4,200,000. Awards will range up to \$700,000.

Technical Assistance Webinar Recording: [You can access the recording of an informational webinar here.](#)

#### **Application and Submission Information**

Applications, along with supporting documentation, must be submitted by completing the [SSBCI Technical Assistance Grant Program Submission Form](#) by **Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm.**

[To read the NOFO, click HERE.](#) For more information on this NOFO, supporting documents, etc., [click HERE.](#)

## **Office of Broadband Digital Equity Grants Capacity Building Series**

**Date and time: August 21**

**Wednesdays | 1 PM CT | [Register](#)**

This educational series is part of the Illinois Office of Broadband and Illinois Broadband Lab's efforts to prepare potential grantees for the upcoming Illinois Digital Equity Capacity Grant. Topics covered in this series include coalition building, equity in digital inclusion project implementation, a deeper dive into grant writing, and using data for storytelling.

## Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program – Fourth Round

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced \$18 million in funding for the fourth round of the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program provides training opportunities, expands the talent pipeline, and boosts diversity in the construction industry and building trades. Grantees will be selected through a competitive Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) process.

The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program launched in 2021 with the goal of increasing diversity and access to apprenticeship programs. Comprehensive pre-apprenticeship programs can help participants gain admission to apprenticeship programs, which provide a greater opportunity to start a long-lasting career in the construction trades.

This round of funding will focus on awarding grants in geographic areas without apprenticeship programs, while increasing the representation of underrepresented groups that are not served or are underserved by existing programs, including people of color, veterans, and women. The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program will fund approximately 35 programs throughout the state including new grantees, serving more than 1,400 residents.

Through Illinois Works, DCEO is expanding its statewide network of providers to recruit, prescreen, and provide pre-apprenticeship skills training. The program providers offer structured pathways and manage the program graduates' transition from the pre-apprenticeship program to a registered apprenticeship program in construction and building trades.

Participants of the program attend tuition-free and receive a stipend and other supportive, barrier reduction services, to help enter the construction industry. Upon completion of the program, pre-apprentices receive industry aligned certifications which will prepare and qualify them to continue to a registered apprenticeship program in one of the trades.

Eligible applicants include non-profit, community-based organizations, such as industry associations, chambers of commerce, local workforce areas, community colleges, technical schools, and school districts. Experienced and new providers are encouraged to apply, along with existing Illinois Works grantees who propose to serve a different geographic area or Economic Development Region than they were originally contracted to serve. Priority will be given to applicants serving priority Economic Development Regions and underrepresented populations as outlined in the NOFO.

Qualified entities can apply for grants between \$150,000 to \$550,000. **Applications will be accepted until August 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** To view the NOFO and apply for the grant, please visit the [DCEO website](#). Interested parties are encouraged to reach out to [CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov) for application assistance.

To help applicants prepare to apply for funding, DCEO will also be providing technical assistance in the form of webinars, regional meetings, and FAQ. More information will be posted on the [DCEO website](#).

## Illinois Works Bid Credit Program

Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that contractors can now apply for the Illinois Works Bid Credit Program. The program is part of the state's multipronged effort to increase equity and opportunity in capital construction jobs through the Illinois Works (ILW) Jobs Program. The Illinois Works Bid Credit Program is designed for contractors working on or interested in

working on State of Illinois-funded capital projects. The program offers eligible contractors the opportunity to earn bid credits by hiring and retaining Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program graduates.

Bid credits are virtual dollars contractors can earn when they hire and retain an ILW Pre-apprenticeship Program graduate who is enrolled in a U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program (DOL RAP) and works on both state-funded capital projects or any construction project. Once these bid credits are earned, contractors can submit the credits to bid on future state-funded public works projects. Eligible contractors can request ILW Pre-apprenticeship Program graduates from DCEO's Illinois Works Career Services Team using the [Illinois Works Employer Form](#). The Illinois Works Career Services Team will identify program graduates who meet contractor needs and requirements.

Enrolling in this program gives contractors access to the various skilled and certified graduates of the ILW Pre-apprenticeship Program. Besides being eligible to generate bid credits through the Bid Credit Program for contractors that hire them, graduates will also help contractors maintain compliance with state apprenticeship requirements, which includes the 10% apprenticeship goal of the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative.

**To view application information and apply for the Bid Credit Program, please visit the [DCEO website](#).**

## Office of Accountability

Curious about the grant lifecycle or wanting to learn more about the different facets of grants? Do you have a grant-related question that you would like answered in real time? DCEO is pleased to offer three training options for current and potential grantees. Interested in participating in a training session? Sign up [here](#)

### **Virtual Office Hour Q & A - Tuesdays at 2pm:**

Join for a virtual question and answer session via Webex in which potential and current Grantees may attend to ask questions and seek assistance. Technical Support Managers will be online to field questions, demonstrate steps, or provide instructions as needed to assist entities and individuals with the grant process.

### **Pre-Qualification Training – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 9AM:**

This slide presentation will cover Pre-Qualification requirements. Pre-qualification is required of all grantees with the State of Illinois and must be maintained throughout a grant program. To be in pre-qualified status means that all required registrations have been met and an entity is in good standing and able to conduct business with the State of Illinois. Join DCEO's Technical Support Team as we explain each step in the pre-qualification process and how to get started.

### **Various topics Training – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 9AM:**

This slide presentation will discuss important grant-related topics pertaining to grant management. Each month we will discuss a different component, process, or emerging practice that can benefit potential and existing grantees. Future topics offerings include:

- **8/21/24 Registering in SAM.gov:** This training will explain the steps required to apply for a Unique Entity Identifier, how to complete your SAM.gov registration and steps for registration renewal.
- **9/18/24 Completing a Budget Application:** This training will introduce the budget application and instructions on how to best complete the budget for application submission.
- **10/16/24 Reporting and Supporting Documentation:** This training will explain the Periodic Performance Report and Periodic Financial Report, as well as appropriate supporting documents required for submission.



- **11/20/24 Writing A Grant Application:** This training will explain how to complete application documents, how to read a Notice of Funding Opportunity, and how to submit the application package for review.
- **12/18/24 Audit Submissions:** This training will introduce grantees to the different Audit types, requirements, and the importance of record retention.

**For a complete list of current DCEO grant opportunities, upcoming grant trainings, video resource library and Grant Help Desk assistance, visit [DCEO Grants \(illinois.gov\)](https://www.illinois.gov/dceo/grants)**

Grant opportunities include:

Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program Click [here](#) **Deadline August 30, 2024**

International Tourism Grant Program Click [here](#) **Deadline September 3, 2024**

SSBCI Technical Assistance Grant Program Click [here](#) **Deadline September 3, 2024**

Route 66 Grant Program Click [here](#) **Deadline September 16, 2024**

Regional Site Readiness Program – Capital Ready Click [here](#) **Deadline October 21, 2024**

Regional Site Readiness Program – Planning Click [here](#) **Deadline October 21, 2024**

CDBG Coronavirus Rural Shelter Program Click [here](#) **Deadline November 14, 2024**

Quality Jobs Program Click [here](#) **Deadline December 31, 2024**

SBIR/STTR Match Program Click [here](#) **Deadline June 30, 2025**

Illinois Returning Residents Clean Jobs (CEJA) Click [here](#) **Deadline rolling**

Federal Grant Support Program Click [here](#) **No specific due date**

CDBG Economic Development Program Click [here](#) **Deadline rolling**

## **Other Federal and State Agency Grants & Programs**

### **Illinois HDA Non-Congregate Shelter Developments**

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced today that it will begin accepting applications for the development of emergency shelter for persons experiencing homelessness. Available through the HOME-ARP Non-Congregate Shelter Development Program, the funding will support experienced shelter providers as they acquire or develop non-congregate shelter facilities across Illinois. The program is part of IHDA’s continuing efforts to improve the housing safety net and help Illinois achieve “functional zero” homelessness.

Non-congregate shelters refer to emergency accommodations that offer privacy to individuals and families. They provide private units or rooms as temporary shelter and do not require occupants to sign a lease or occupancy agreement. This model offers public health benefits as well as opportunities to provide supportive services intended to help occupants regain their long-term housing stability.

Eligible applicants must be current shelter providers that participate in the Emergency Solutions Grant Program or the Emergency & Transitional Housing Program administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services or have another verifiable operating funding source.

More information about the Non-Congregate Shelter Development Program, submission deadlines, and the application process are available on the [IHDA website](#). Program related questions can be sent to [HOMEARP@ihda.org](mailto:HOMEARP@ihda.org)



## OSFM Small Equipment Grant Program

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) today announced the application period is open for the Small Equipment Grant Program. The OSFM will award \$4 million to eligible fire departments and ambulance services for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment. All interested departments should send an application to OSFM electronically or **postmarked no later than October 1, 2024**.

The Small Equipment Grant Program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 to eligible departments. A total of \$4 million was awarded to 168 fire departments/districts and EMS providers across the state during the last grant cycle in April.

This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for the fire departments and not-for-profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The grants allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small tools and equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. In addition to firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), applicants can also apply for personal infection control items such as masks, gowns, and gloves this application cycle. Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts, and township fire departments are eligible to apply. In addition, stand-alone, not-for-profit ambulance service providers are eligible to apply.

All applicants are required to have participated in the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) for a minimum of two years prior to applying. The OSFM will require departments to be current from October 2022 through September 2024. Fire departments are required to report all incidents responded to, including ambulance calls.

Additional information including the application can be found here:

<https://sfm.illinois.gov/iam/firedepartment/grants-and-loans.html>

Completed applications should be submitted to:

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Small Equipment Grant Program  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703

## Illinois HDA Permanent Supportive Housing Program

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) announced it will begin accepting applications for the development of permanent supportive housing. Available under the state's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Development Program, the funding round will provide loans, forgivable loans, and grants to qualifying developers who build or preserve affordable, permanent housing paired with case management and supportive services. The program is part of IHDA's continuing efforts to accelerate the production of supportive housing to help Illinois achieve "functional zero" homelessness.

PSH is a combination of affordable housing and supportive services that helps individuals and families maintain stable housing and achieve a higher quality of life. Residents are typically households headed by persons with a disability, those who are at risk of homelessness, and others who may need supports to stay healthy and housed. It is a proven solution that creates better resident outcomes and reduces the use of costly emergency systems.

Non-profit, for-profit, and joint venture developers are eligible to apply for funds from the PSH Development Program. **All interested applicants MUST submit a complete Preliminary Project Assessment by Monday,**

**October 7, 2024.** Please review the Request for Applications for specific requirements of the PPA. **Applications are due to IHDA by 5:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, February 13, 2025.**

More information about the PSH Development program, submission deadlines, and the application process is available on the [IHDA website](#). Program related questions can be sent to [PSHRFA@ihda.org](mailto:PSHRFA@ihda.org).

### **Are You Ready for the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA)?**

Presented by the [Office of the Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' Business Services Department](#)

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024 | 1:00 PM | virtual | Register [here](#)**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024 | 1:00 PM | virtual | Register [here](#)**

Effective January 1, 2024, a new federal law requires many companies doing business in the State of Illinois to report information to the U.S. government about who ultimately owns and controls them. This information is reported to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). Please join the Illinois Secretary of State's office for a discussion of these new beneficial ownership information reporting requirements and what businesses need to do to comply with the law. They will also share resources FinCEN has developed to help businesses understand this new requirement.

For more information contact Kim Aileen at [AKim@ILSOS.GOV](mailto:AKim@ILSOS.GOV).

### **HUD Davis Bacon Training**

The Office of Davis-Bacon and Labor Standards is offering free webinars to learn more about federal labor law in the construction industry. Whether you're a seasoned professional or new to federal labor standards in the construction industry, this session will provide valuable insights. We'll cover key requirements, updates, and best practices to ensure compliance. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your understanding of labor standards.

#### **Dates and Times:**

**August 27, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am CDT [Register](#)**

**August 28, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am PST [Register](#)**

**August 29, 2024 | 10:00 am-11:30 am EST [Register](#)**

### **Illinois EPA Fall Waste Collection Events**

Illinois EPA Interim Director James Jennings is announcing ten upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection locations for the Fall of 2024. These collection events are co-sponsored by units of local government and provide residents the free opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products commonly found in homes.

One-day collections are open to [all Illinois residents](#) and operate from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Pre-registration is required for all Fall 2024 collection events. Residents participating are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, and similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes. A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html>.

**For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:**

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during transport.
- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- **Remain in vehicle at collection site.** On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

The Fall 2024 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays and require Pre-Registration:

DATE	LOCATION	ADDRESS	Co-Sponsor/Public Contacts
August 17	<b>Champaign</b> <i>Champaign County</i> <a href="#">Registration Link</a>	State Farm Arena – Southwest Quad Parking Lot 1800 South First Street Champaign, IL 61820	Champaign County <a href="mailto:recycling4034780@gmail.com">recycling4034780@gmail.com</a> 217-403-4780
August 31	<b>Taylorville</b> <i>Christian County</i> <a href="#">Registration Link</a>	Christian County Fairgrounds 1716 West Spesser Street Taylorville, IL 62568	Christian County Solid Waste <a href="#">Shawn Hammers</a>
August 31	<b>East Moline</b> <i>Rock Island County</i> <a href="#">Website</a>	Rock Island Fairgrounds 4200 Archer Drive East Moline, IL 61244	Rock Island County Waste Management <a href="mailto:ricwma@gmail.com">ricwma@gmail.com</a> 309-788-8925
September 21	<b>Decatur</b> <i>Macon County</i> <a href="#">Registration Link</a>	Progress City USA East Sixth Progress Street Decatur, IL 62521	Macon County Environmental Management <a href="mailto:environmentalmgmt@maconcounty.illinois.gov">environmentalmgmt@maconcounty.illinois.gov</a>
September 28	<b>Bloomington</b> <i>McLean County</i> <a href="#">Website</a>	McLean County Fairgrounds 1106 Interstate Drive Bloomington, IL 61705	Ecology Action Center <a href="mailto:mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org">mbrown@ecologyactioncenter.org</a> 309-454-3169
October 12	<b>Oregon</b> <i>Ogle County</i> <a href="#">Website</a>	Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department 909 Pines Road Oregon, IL 61061	Ogle County Solid Waste Management Department <a href="mailto:solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov">solidwaste@oglecountyil.gov</a> 815-732-4020
October 19	<b>Springfield</b> <i>Sangamon County</i> <a href="#">Website</a>	Location TBA	City of Springfield Department of Public Works <a href="mailto:public.works@springfield.il.us">public.works@springfield.il.us</a> 217-789-2255
October 26	<b>Dixon</b> <i>Lee County</i>	Sauk Valley Community College 173 IL-2 N Dixon, IL 61021	State Representative Brad Fritts <a href="mailto:repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org">repfrittsstaff@ilhousegop.org</a>
November 2	<b>Orland Park</b> <i>Cook County</i>	Village of Orland Park	Highway Department of Orland Township <a href="mailto:highway@orlandroaddistrict.org">highway@orlandroaddistrict.org</a>

	<a href="#">Registration Link</a>	14700 South Ravinia Avenue Orland Park, IL 60462	
November 2	<b>Carbondale</b> <i>Jackson County</i> <a href="#">Website</a>	Banterra Center 1400 Arena Drive Carbondale, IL 62901	Jackson County Health Department 618-684-3143

In addition to the one-day collections, the following long-term collection facilities are available for disposal of HHW throughout the year:

- **Naperville**, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, [www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx)  
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095
- **Rockford**, Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, 3333 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County  
<https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal>  
Hours: Saturdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Sundays Noon – 4:00 PM, Phone: 779-348-7425
- **Chicago**, Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County [www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf)  
Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM – Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060
- **Lake County**, The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website ([www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- **Madison County**, Madison County Building & Zoning, 249 N. Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County, [https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning\\_and\\_development/recycle\\_events.php](https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php)  
Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. **Appointments are required.** See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or [recycling@co.madison.il.us](mailto:recycling@co.madison.il.us)

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA’s one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at 217-524-3300. The HHW collection schedule is also available on the Illinois EPA website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html>. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA’s Solid Waste Fund.

### **Illinois DNR Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will accept applications for the next round of Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grants between July 1 **through September 13, closing at 5 p.m.**

[OSLAD](#) is a matching program that provides an advance payment (for development projects only) of 50% of the grant award amount shortly after the grant agreement is executed. The local agency must demonstrate and possess the ability to finance the remaining cost of an approved project prior to receipt of remaining grant funds. The program offers state-financed funding assistance to local governmental agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public parks and outdoor recreation areas.

A total of **\$54 million** is available for this round of OSLAD grants. In addition, IDNR will once again will provide funding to cover 100% of eligible projects located in economically distressed communities. In the most recent

round of OSLAD awards announced in January, 32 underserved locations received grants for local park projects. Go online for a [list of communities](#) that are considered economically distressed.

The application period opens July 1, and applications **must be submitted by 5 p.m. September 13, 2024**. Prior to applying for a grant, entities must be registered and current in the state's [Grant Accountability and Transparency Act](#) grantee portal. All applications will be accepted online in the [Amplifund portal](#).

- IAPD members will need to register through the [IAPD website](#).
- Non-members can participate by [going online](#) and using the following passcode: 986269.
- Alternatively, participants can call in to the webinar at 309-205-3325 or 312-626-6799 with passcode 986269. The webinar ID is 880-7945-4324.

For more information about OSLAD grants, [go online](#) or call 217-782-7481.

## Illinois DES Returning Citizens Virtual Job Fair

Illinois Department of Employment Security, New York University, and Illinois Department of Corrections would like to invite you to participate in a Virtual Job Fair highlighting your company and job opportunities to returning citizens to the Southern Illinois Area.

Re-Entry Virtual Job Fair

Date and time: **Thursday, August 22nd 1:00 - 3:00 PM**

Register: Registration is required. Please contact [Freddie.L.Buckingham@illinois.gov](mailto:Freddie.L.Buckingham@illinois.gov) to register.

Illinois businesses are hiring, and they are looking for workers on [Illinoisjoblink.com](#). The state's hiring board features more than 100,000 help-wanted ads. Job seekers can build multiple resumes to emphasize different skills and experiences. Business owners can use keyword matching technology to search resumes and find the best candidate. [Illinoisjoblink.com](#) is free for workers and employers. It compares favorably to private efforts that cost hundreds of dollars. No-cost HR recruitment services are available at the website and at (877) 342-7533.

## Helpful Resources

### Grant Help Desk Resources DCEO Office of Accountability

- Office Hours for Grantees – Office of Accountability is hosting a weekly office hour **every Tuesday from 2-3pm** for any questions grantees or potential grantees may have.
- [Sign up for any of these sessions with this link](#)
- **Email Us:**
- [ceo.granthelp@illinois.gov](mailto:ceo.granthelp@illinois.gov)
- Or use our Inquiry Form: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/df9d38efa4e241218ced486c54f3c109>
- **Visit Our Website:**
- <https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities.html>
- Browse our Learning Libraries, Quick Reference Guides, and Instructional Videos

## Grant Accountability and Transparency (GATA)

- GATA Grantee Portal: <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>
- GATA Grantee Portal New User Guide: <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/GATA/Documents/Resource%20Library/GATA%20New%20User%20Guide.pdf>
- GATU Resource Site: <https://gata.illinois.gov/>
- Catalog of State Financial Assistance (CSFA): <https://gata.illinois.gov/grants/csfa.html>
- DCEO Current Grant Opportunities: <https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/grants.html>

Audit Report Review Process Manual:

<https://gata.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/gata/documents/audit/audit-manual-august-2018-revision.pdf>

## DCEO Website – <https://dceo.illinois.gov>

The Illinois DCEO website includes a page dedicated to current state and federal grant opportunities as well as Grantee resources. Click [here](#) to find valuable information!

## Join DCEO's Team

DCEO's Team is expanding around the state, including on Team RED. To apply for these jobs, please go to the Work4Illinois website at <https://illinois.jobs2web.com/> and use the search function to find the positions for our department.

### **Posting closing 8/19/24**

WEST CENTRAL SENIOR REGIONAL MANAGER–Office of Regional Economic Development–Adams County

### **Postings closing 8/22/24**

UPSTATE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP GRANT MANAGER (EXECUTIVE II)–Office of Illinois Works–Cook County

DOWNSTATE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP GRANT MANAGER (EXECUTIVE II)–Office of Illinois Works–Sangamon County

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### **Posting closing 8/23/24**

SENIOR PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM MANAGER (PSA, OPT I)–Office of Illinois Works–Cook County

### **Posting closing 8/26/24**

EAST CENTRAL SENIOR REGIONAL MANAGER–Office of Regional Economic Development–Champaign County

### **Postings closing 8/27/24**

CEJA NETWORK COORDINATOR (EXECUTIVE II)–Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology–Sangamon County

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MANAGER–Office of Regional Economic Development–St. Clair County

## Following DCEO & Connecting with Team RED

If you have upcoming meetings or events and would like DCEO to participate, please reach out to us. Follow us on our social media channels for real time updates.

Facebook: @illinoisdceo

LinkedIn: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity