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Course Overview



Illinois Works was created as a result of Governor Pritzker's historic \$45 billion capital plan and his commitment to expanding equity in the Illinois' construction workforce. This exciting new initiative will create opportunities for Illinois businesses, communities, and families.

During this course you will be provided with an overview of Illinois Works, the Illinois Works Job Program Act, and the Illinois Works three key programs.







Course Objectives

By the end of this training, learners will be able to:

- > Articulate the mission of DCEO.
- Describe the relationship between DCEO and Illinois Works.
- ➤ Describe the three key programs implemented as a result of the Illinois Works Job Program Act.
 - Review the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) recently released.















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Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Section 2: Welcome and Introduction



By the end of this section, you will be able to:

> Use the Webex features and functions to fully participate in the training.

> Identify what you hope to learn from this training.





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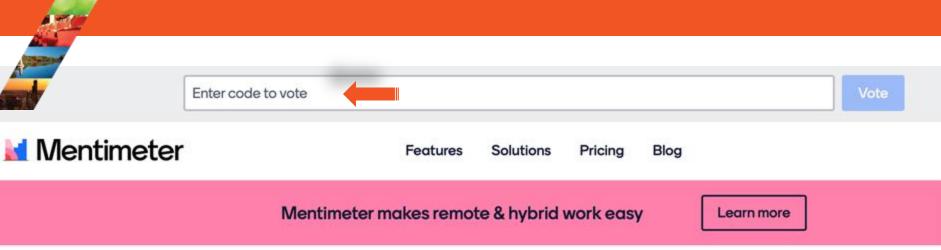




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Question:

"What do you hope to learn?"











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Section 3: Illinois Works



By the end of this section, you will be able to:

- ➤ Describe the role of Governor Pritzker's historic \$45 billion capital plan in the creation of Illinois Works.
- Explain the role of the Illinois General Assembly regarding the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act.
- Describe the unique characteristics of the Illinois works innovative workforce development model.





Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Section 3: Illinois Works



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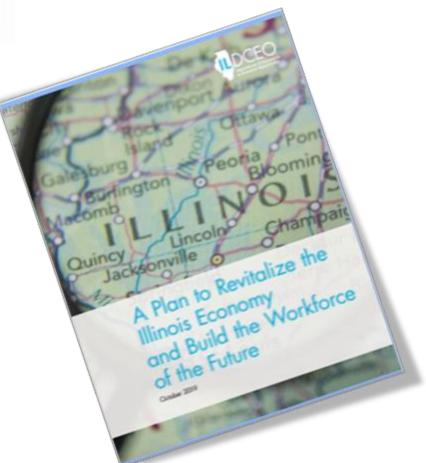
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- > Describe the relationship between DCEO and Illinois Works.
- List the Illinois Works three key programs.
- ➤ Identify the Illinois Works goals.

















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Link: https://dceo.illinois.gov/econplan2019.html

Illinois Economic Plan Executive Summary and Full Report







Illinois Works ~ Unique and Innovative Model





Question:

"What has the potential to make a workforce development initiative vulnerable?"









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The Office of Illinois Works

Illinois Works Jobs Program Act





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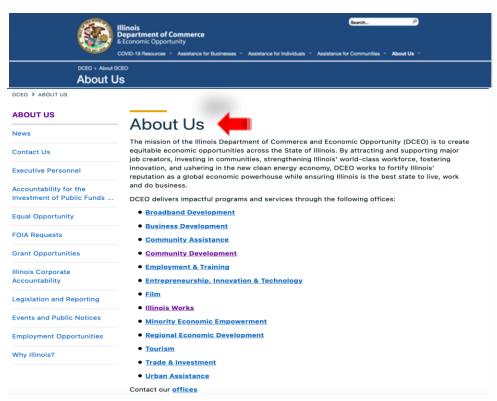






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The **Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO)** mission is to support and maintain a climate that enables a strong economy for their customers - taxpayers, businesses, workers and communities - by keeping, attracting and growing businesses, maintaining a skilled workforce, and enhancing communities so that the climate here is one in which businesses, small and large, and their workers, can succeed to the greatest extent possible.

DCEO delivers impactful and efficient programs and services!





"Who does the DCEO serve?"

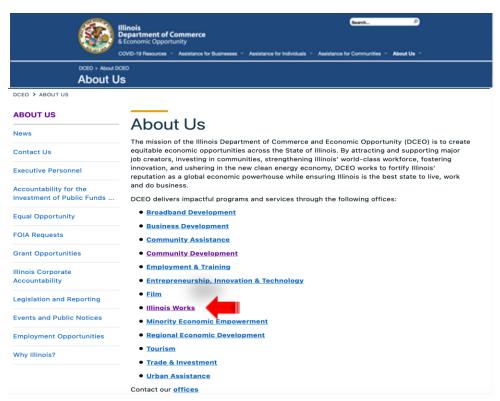




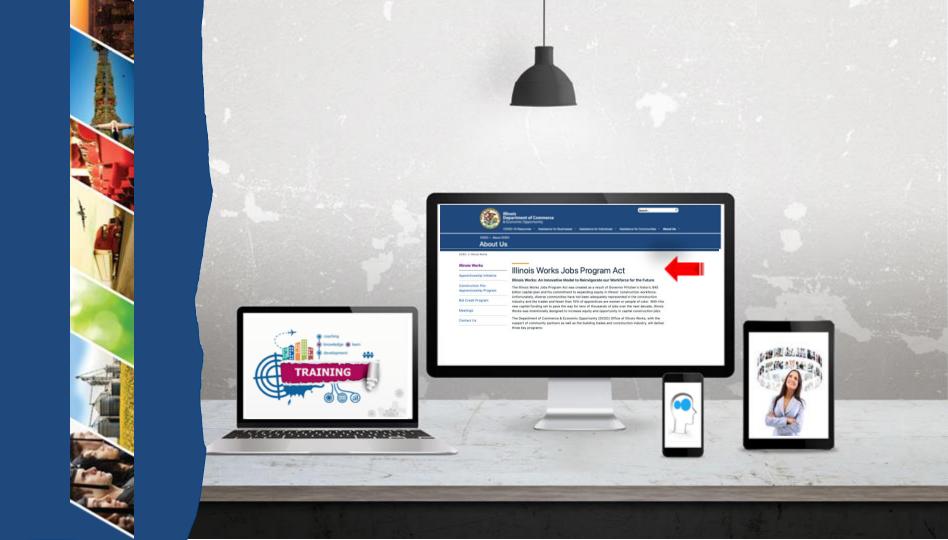


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The Office of Illinois Works



Illinois Works was created as a result of Governor Pritzker's historic \$45 billion capital plan and his commitment to expanding equity in the Illinois' construction workforce.

- ➤ Data shows that the construction industry and the trades have not been accessible for diverse communities.
- ➤ Fewer than 10% of apprenticeships are extended to women and minorities.
- ➤ The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act was intentionally designed to increase equity and opportunity in capital construction jobs.







Illinois General Assembly



The Illinois General Assembly is the bicameral legislature of the U.S. state of Illinois and is comprised of the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate.

The Illinois General Assembly passed the **(30 ILCS 559/) Illinois Works Jobs Program Act** on June 28th, 2019. Through the Illinois Works Jobs Program Act the Illinois **General Assembly** appropriated funds for the pre-apprenticeship program.







Illinois Works Jobs Program



The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act is a statewide initiative to ensure that all Illinois residents have access to state capital projects and careers including, in the construction industry and building trades.

The **goal** is to provide contracting and employment opportunities to historically underrepresented populations in the construction industry.

This effort specifically targets women, people of color, and veterans.







Illinois General Assembly ~ Webpage



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Legislative Glossary	Article 10 - Parking Excise Tax Act (The Parking Excise Tax Act is compiled at 35 ILCS 525/)
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IL Works Job Program Act PDF





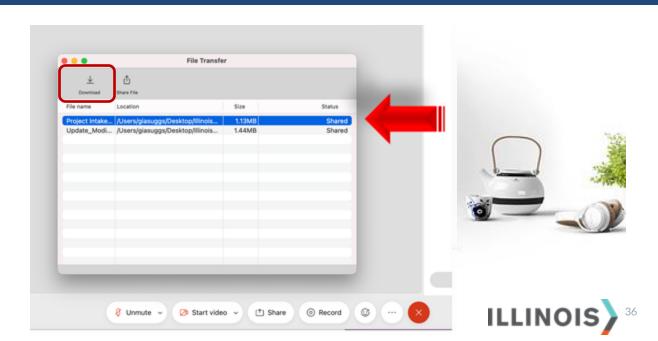






IL Works Job Program Act PDF









The DCEO Office of Illinois Works, with the support and partnerships of communities, building trades, and the construction industry, will deliver three key programs:



Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative

Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Illinois Works Bid Credit Program







Illinois Works Program Goals:

- Provide a career pathway for residents in disadvantaged communities.
- Provide eligible apprentices with the skills for lifelong job security.
- Promote construction as a viable job industry for women and minority communities.
- Provide the construction industry with a consistent skilled workforce for generations to come.
- Create new partnerships between state agencies and community organizations.







Question:

"If Illinois Works is successful in achieving its goals, what impact will it have on Illinois communities?"





Illinois Works ~ Practice Round













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Section 4: Construction and the Building Trades Data



By the end of this section, you will be able to:

- Identify overarching disparities with respect to women and minorities in the building and construction trades.
- Identify disparities in compensation in the building and construction trades.
- Identify group specific data per trade.
- Explain the economic impact of increased equity.
- > List the three key ILW programs.







Disparity Data











Illinois Works Jobs Program





The intent of these key programs is to expand apprenticeship opportunities, with a targeted focus on underrepresented populations.

An expansion of apprenticeship opportunities will help boost employment and wages for more Illinois residents. It will also yield significant benefits for our economy at large since the construction sector is projected to grow 12% in the next ten years.







Illinois Female Construction Employment (2021)

Description	2021 Jobs	Median Hourly Earnings	Percent Female
All Construction Trades	221,467		3.3%
Construction Laborers	42,456	\$22.66	3.8%
Carpenters	35,784	\$28.16	2.0%
Electricians	25,725	\$39.38	2.5%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	18,608	\$43.17	1.5%
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades	14,208	\$37.97	3.9%
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	12,614	\$ <u>22.02</u>	7.4%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	11,214	\$ <mark>38.22</mark>	2.8%

Source: Economic Modeling Systems Inc.









All Construction Trades

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	Total	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	Female	Male
Active 6/30/21	13,548	3.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.8% 79.7%	7.1%	8.8%	20.0%	4.3%	95.6%
Completed	4,263	2.6%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5% 75.0%	5.3%	16.0%	19.9%	3.6%	96.3%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor RAPIDS, 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2021









Carpenters

			Female				Ma	ale			
	Total	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	Female	Male
Active 6/30/21	2,339	2.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.7%	81.4%	9.4%	6.0%	26.1%	3.2%	96.8%
Completed	593	1.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	66.9%	4.7%	26.6%	26.5%	1.5%	98.3%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor RAPIDS, 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2021









Electricians

			Fer	nale			M	ale			
	Total	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	Female	Male
Active 6/30/21	2,415	2.4%	0.6%	0.1%	0.4%	84.0%	6.9%	5.9%	15.8%	3.1%	96.9%
Completed	518	2.3%	0.6%	1.0%	0.8%	80.3%	9.1%	6.8%	14.5%	3.9%	96.1%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor RAPIDS, 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2021









Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters

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	Total	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	Female	Male
Active 6/30/21	2,009	2.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%	87.4%	4.6%	4.8%	12.3%	3.2%	96.8%
Completed	502	3.2%	0.0%	0.4%	0.8%	83.5%	4.0%	9.0%	11.0%	3.6%	96.4%

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor RAPIDS, 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2021

Plumbers among the highest earners









Construction Laborers

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	Total	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	White	Black	Other Race	Hispanic	Female	Male
Active 6/30/21	1,589	5.5%	2.1%	1.0%	2 0%	65.8%	11.1%	11 1%	30.2%	8 6%	91.3%
Completed	532	5.6%	1.9%	0.8%			9.0%			$\overline{}$	

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor RAPIDS, 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2021

Among the lowest earners









Illinois Department of Labor & RAPIDS (2019 - 2023)

Population	U.S. Workforce	Illinois Workforce	2020 Construction/ Trades Apprentices	2021 Construction/ Trades Apprentices	2022 Construction/ Trades Apprentices	2023 Construction/ Trades Apprentices	PY23 Illinois Works Pre- Apprenticeship Program
Female	49.9%	50.0%	3.2%	4.8%	4.9%	6.1%	25.1%
Black or African American	12.9%	13.2%	6.1%	6.6%	7.7%	8.2%	60.1%
Hispanic	16.9%	16.6%	20.1%	21.1%	28.9%	28.8%	20.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
Asian	6.6%	6.4%	0.6%	0.6%	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%
Veteran	5.5%	3.3%	7.6%	7.1%	5.6%	4.5%	1.4%









Illinois Works Was Designed to Increase Equity

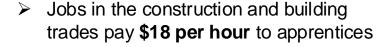








Economic Impact



\$32 per hour to those that successfully graduate

Investments in job training in the construction industry result \$1.2 billion in long-term economic impact for Illinois

 Every dollar invested in construction job training, Illinois obtains \$11 in social and economic returns





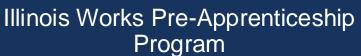




Key Programs



Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative



Illinois Works Bid Credit Program









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Section 5: Illinois Works

Apprenticeship initiative



- Describe the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative.
- Explain how the Apprenticeship Initiative contributes to a comprehensive approach to workforce development.
- Summarize the Apprenticeship Initiative 's key components.
- Identify the current implementation status of the Apprenticeship Initiative.
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The DCEO Office of Illinois Works, three key programs:





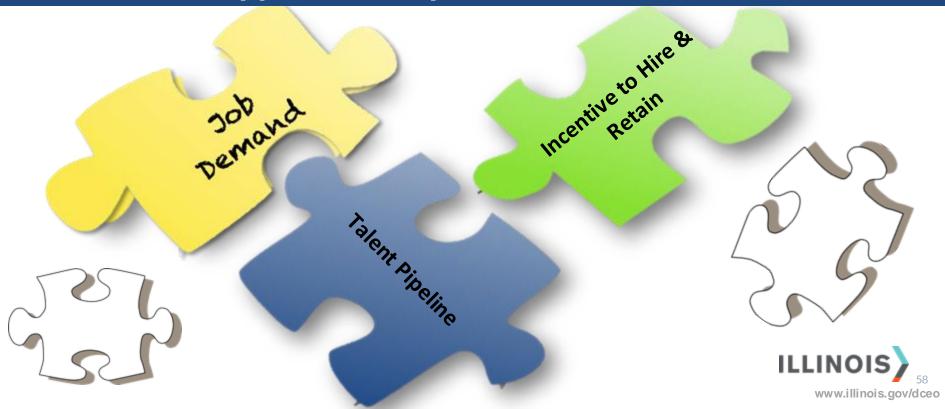








Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative







Apprenticeship Initiative Emergency Rules PDF



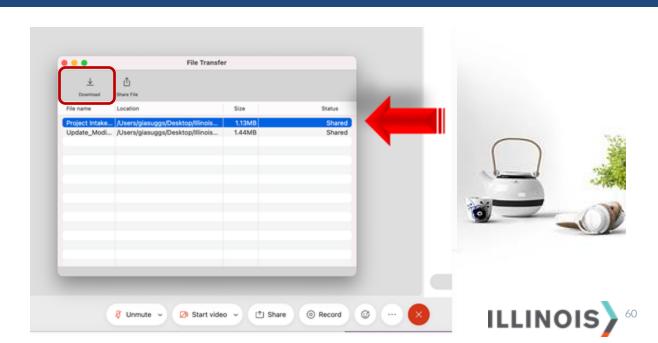






Apprenticeship Initiative Emergency Rules PDF









Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative Summary



The Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative opens doors of opportunity into the construction industry and the trades. It applies to public works projects with an estimated cost of \$500,000 or more, including both capital grants and direct capital contracts and awards.

The goal is for U.S. Department of Labor certified apprentices to perform:

10% of total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage category

or

> 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage category, whichever is less.





Apprenticeship Initiative Current Status











Apprenticeship Initiative



- ➤ The Apprenticeship Initiative launched in June of 2020 and is presently overseeing the implementation of over **700 Projects** worth over **\$8 billion**.
- We launched a new system that allowed us to transition from a manual quarterly reporting system to a real reporting system that utilizes Smartsheet. This is a compliance management platform.

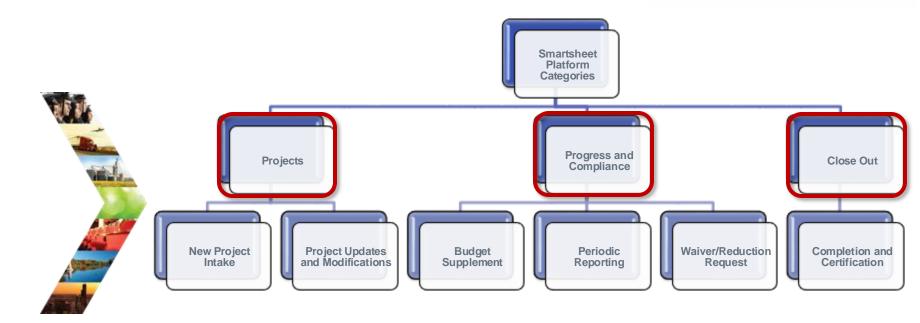
















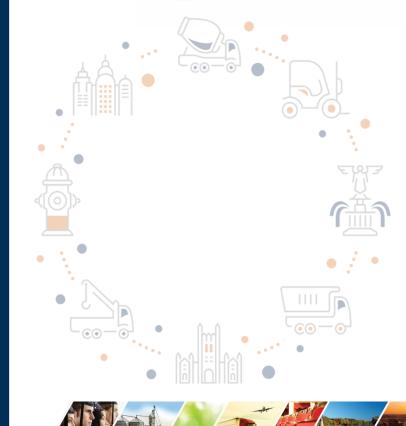


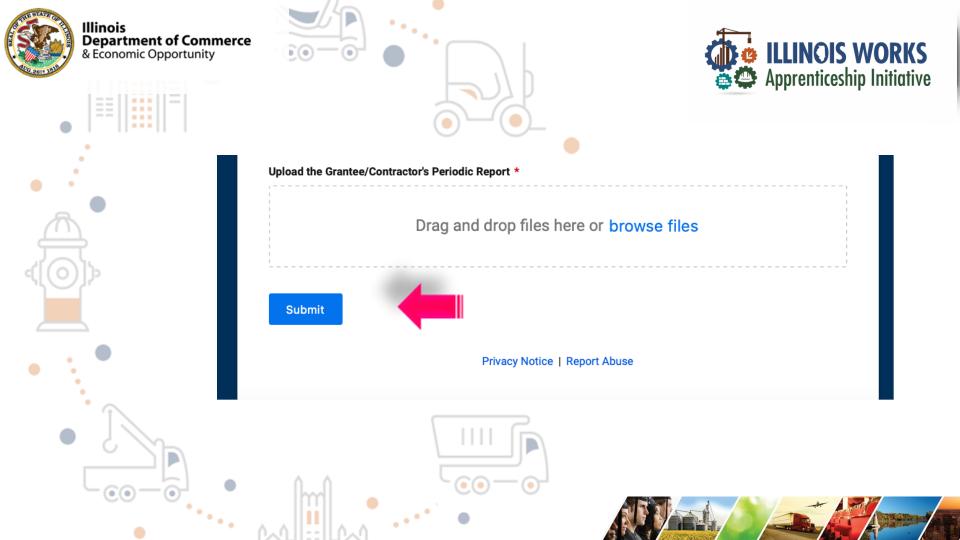
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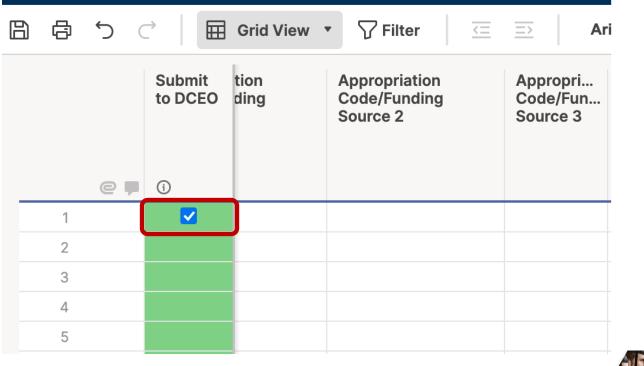








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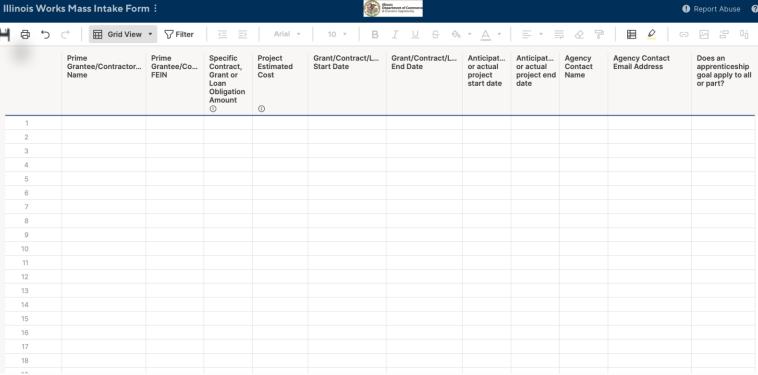












Illinois Works Submission Overview

(Agency Report)



	Contract/Grant/Loan Number	Prime Grantee/Contractor Name	Prime Grantee/Contractor FEIN	Budget Supplem Upload	Modifica	Periodic Project Report	Waiver/ Request	Certifica	IW.	Project Name	Does an apprenticeship goal apply to all or part?
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1	19-203143	City of East Peoria	376002143							Construction of a multi-u	Yes
2	20-203178	Village of Northbrook	366006017							Storm water improveme	Yes
3	20-203185	Vernon Township	362921813							Roadway improvements	Yes
4	20-203185			✓							
5	20-203187	Chicago Park District	366005822							Design and construction	Yes
6	20-203187			~							
7	20-203194	Western Illinois Universi	370910458							Purchase and installatio	Yes
8	20-203194			~							
9	20-203205	Chinese American Serv	362984043							HVAC improvements to	Yes
10	20-203215	City of Decatur	376001308							Costs associated with b	No
11	20-203220	Chicago Youth Centers	362344429							Building renovations at 1	Yes
12	20-203227	Village of Elwood	362826140							Facility renovations and	No
13	20-203228	Village of Forest Park	366005875							Demolition of five deterior	Yes









Agency Responsibilities

Determine if the Apprenticeship Goal might apply to the project.

Ensure the grantee/contractor completes the Budget Supplement.

Monitor grantee/contractor compliance with apprenticeship goals.

Review Waiver/Reduction Requests.

Upon completion of the grant/contract, collect certification and submit it to DCEO Illinois Works Office.









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Section 6: Illinois Works Preapprenticeship Programs

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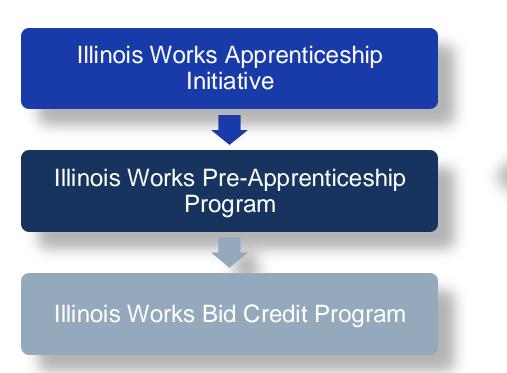
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- Summarize the Pre-apprenticeship Program's key components.
- Identify the current implementation status of the Pre-apprenticeship Program.
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The DCEO Office of Illinois Works, three key programs:











Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program







Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program



The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program creates a qualified talent pipeline to fill job opportunities with diverse candidates. It launched in 2021 with 23 programs. The Illinois Works Provider Network expanded in 2023 to 36 programs.

This program delivers pre-apprenticeship skills training through a network of community-based organizations, including community colleges, faith-based organizations, and business associations, among others.

For our grants, we strongly encourage proposals that provide training for underrepresented populations in the trades. Participants of the program attend tuition-free and receive a stipend and other supportive services to help address systemic barriers which prevent them from entering the construction industry.





2024 Grantee Manual







Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program Summary



In summary, the program provides:

- Pre-apprenticeship skills training through a network of community-based organizations.
- Preference to underrepresented populations that have historically encountered barriers to entry or advancement in the trades.
- > Free Tuition and a stipend to participants who attend the program.
- \$25M appropriated Illinois Works Funds for the grant program.













- ➤ In 2024
- ➤ 31 Grantees
- ➤ 36 grants
- Average award of \$510,629
- \$18.3 million investment
- Serving 1,700 Illinois Residents









Performance Payment Model









Metrics



- > Enrollment
- > Completion
- > Transition
- ➤ Close out reports









Funding Benchmarks











Illinois Works Reporting System (IWRS)











IWRS



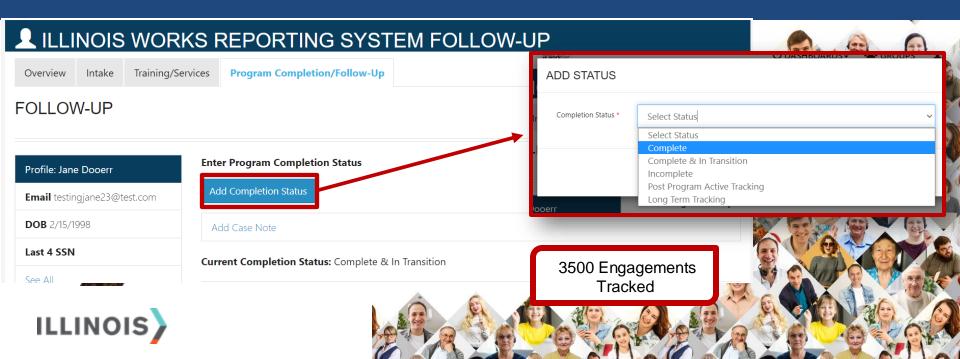








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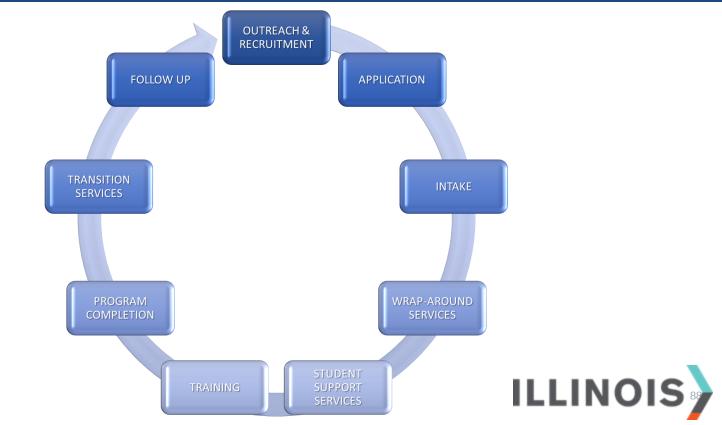






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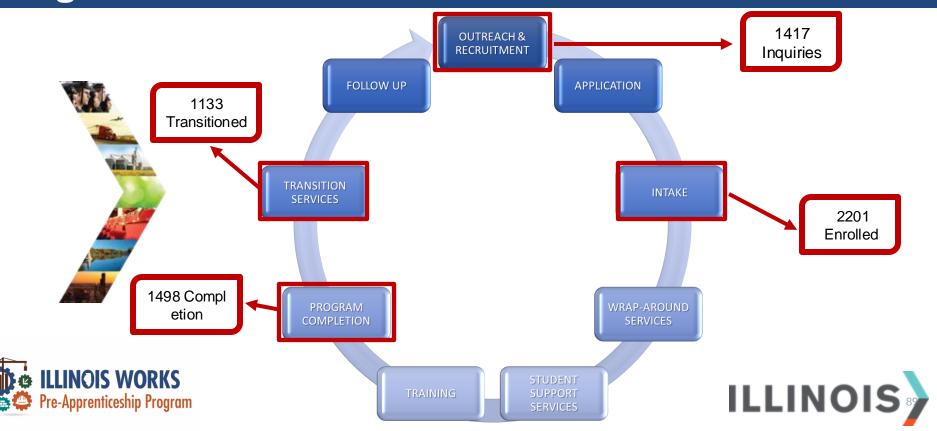








Program Elements







Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Enrollment

Population	U.S. Population	Illinois Population	Construction/ Trade Apprentices	ILW Enrollment As of July 1, 2022	ILW Enrollment As of July 7, 2023
Women	50.8%	50.9%	4%	21.8%	23%
African American	13.4%	14.6%	9%	69.5%	64.2%
Hispanic/Latino	18.5%	17.5%	18%	16.3%	16.4%
American Indian/Native Alaskan	1.3%	0.6%	1%	.5%	.7%
Veterans	7%	5.7%	7%	1.1%	1.1%

Illinois Department of Labor (2019)

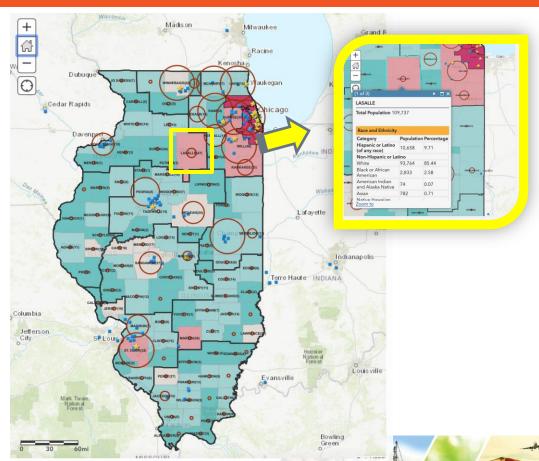




ILW Heat Map













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Section 7: Illinois Works Bid Credit

Programs



- Describe the Illinois Works Bid Credit Program.
- Explain how the Bid Credit Program contributes to a comprehensive approach to workforce development.
- Summarize the Bid Credit Program key components.
- Identify the current implementation status of the Bid Credit Program.
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The DCEO Office of Illinois Works, three key programs:



Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative

Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Illinois Works Bid Credit Program







Unique and Innovative Model







Illinois Works Bid Credit Program



The **Illinois Works Bid Credit Program** incentivizes contractors to hire and retain a diverse pool of candidates. It allows contractors and subcontractors to earn bid credits by employing apprentices who have completed the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program. Bid credits can be used toward future bids for public works projects contracted by the State of Illinois or an agency of the state.



Illinois Works Bid Credit Program Summary

In summary, the program provides:



- ➢ Bid credits can only be earned for employing apprentices who have completed the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program but they can be earned for any project the graduate works.
- DCEO will establish the bid credit earning rate for all prevailing wage construction trades once the program rules are approved. This rate will be reviewed and revised annually.
- There is no maximum for bid credits that can be earned by contractors and/or subcontractors and no limit to the number of ILW Pre-apprenticeship graduates they can hire. **The Illinois Works Bid Credit Bank** is administered by DCEO as mechanism for tracking the bid credits.
- ➢ Bid credits can be pooled between multiple contractors and/or subcontractors for a single capital funded projects but there will have a maximum allowable bid credit amount for each project based on the estimated project cost.







Bid Credit Program











Bid Credit Tracking System









Illinois Works Career Services







Illinois Works Career Services

Illinois Works recently launched the Career Services Team, designed specifically to:

- Build relationships with DOL RAPs.
- Directly connect employers and graduates through job matching.
- Create and provide customized lists of graduates.
- Provide long-term transition support to graduates.

The main goal of Illinois Works is to increase the number of Illinois Works pre-apprentices gaining employment and entry into the DOL RAPs of their choice.



Connecting to Illinois Works Graduates – Job Matching

- The Illinois Works Career Service Team facilitates job matching. This highly effective team works hard to ensure a seamless and efficient process.
- Contractor's, only need to submit a job order though the Illinois Works Employer Form and specify their employment needs.
- This user-friendly form allows the Illinois Works Career Services Team to send a list of Illinois Works graduates that match their job requirements.
- The job order form is also used by contractors to provide follow-up information about the graduates they might have screened or hired from the list they received.







ILW Applicant Tracking System



The ILW Applicant Tracking System traces the professional qualification and trajectory of Illinois Works Preapprentice Program graduates.





Illinois Works ~ Practice Round













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Section 8: DCEO Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)



By the end of this section, you will be able to:

- Access the DCEO Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Access the GATA Pre-qualification training.
- Describe the information available from the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship NOFO 2024 website.
- Download the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program NOFO.









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NOFO Goal



The **goal** of the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program is to provide grants to community-based organizations (including an accredited public college or university) or coalitions throughout the State that will recruit, prescreen, and provide pre- apprenticeship skills training. Successful grantees will be expected to provide pathways and manage the transition from the pre-apprenticeship program to a full apprenticeship program in construction and the building trades.

The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program funds programs throughout the State of Illinois. This **NOFO** is **focused** on awarding grants in geographic areas where the Office of Illinois Works does not presently have pre-apprenticeship programs and to increase the representation of underrepresented groups that presently are not served or are underserved by existing programs.





2024 ILW Grantees



Presently, the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program funds 36 programs located throughout the State of Illinois that represent five different models;

- School districts
- Small and medium non-profit
- ➤ Large non-profit
- > Community colleges
- Business associations







NOFO Focus

The 2024 NOFO is focused on awarding grants in geographic areas where the Office of Illinois Works does not presently have pre-apprenticeship programs, with the goal of increasing the representation of underrepresented groups that presently are not served or underserved populations specifically Asians, Veterans, and Women.

Geographic priority areas include:

- Central Region (Region 1) Sangamon County
- North Central Region (Region 3) Peoria County, McClean County
- ➤ Northeast Region (Region 4) DeKalb County, DuPage County, Kane County, Kankakee County, Kendall County, McHenry County, Suburban Cook County, Will County
- Northwest Region (Region 6) LaSalle County, Rock Island County, Whiteside County
- Southern Region (Region 8) Jackson County



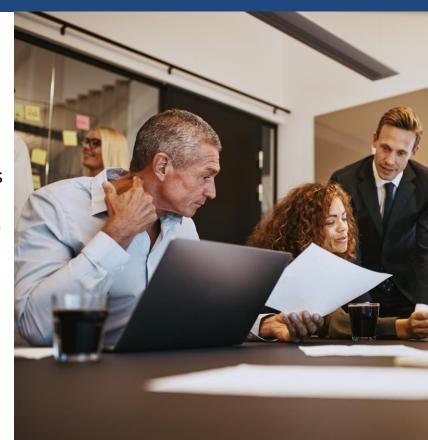


Application Criteria



Experienced and New Providers

Existing Illinois Works Grantees







GATA Pre-qualification ~ Website





Announcements

- NOFO EMAIL NOTICES: Subscribe to a weekly mailing list to receive an email that announces all new Notice of Funding
 Opportunities, or NOFOs, published the previous calendar week. To subscribe:
- 1. Send an email To: subscribe-omb-gata-grants@lists.illinois.gov
- 2. Leave the Subject and the Body of the message blank
- 3. Questions regarding NOFO email notices can be directed to OMB.GATA@illinois.gov
- NOTE: Due to high demand, SAM.gov is experiencing processing delays validating entity legal business names and addresses.
 Help tickets at SAM.gov are handled on a first in first out basis. They advise against reporting the same incident multiple times
- Per M-21-20, entities can apply for funding without an active SAM.gov registration. However, a state agency cannot award a
 grant to an entity without an active SAM.gov account.
- COVID Resources

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 LCS 708/1 et seq., is landmark legislation that will increase accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds while reducing the administrative burden on both State agencies and grantees through adoption of the federal grant guidance and regulations codified at 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Requirements). Pursuant to the Act, the Grant Accountability and Transparency Unit (GATU) has been established in the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. GATU is charged with implementation of the Act in coordination with State grant-making agencies and grantees. The following links provide a direct connection to:

Illinois Compiled Statutes that established GATA

Illinois Administrative Rules for GATA

Uniform Requirements in 2 CFR 200 in 2 CFR 200

Please see our annual reports for more information:

Annual Report 2021

Previous years





GATA Pre-qualification



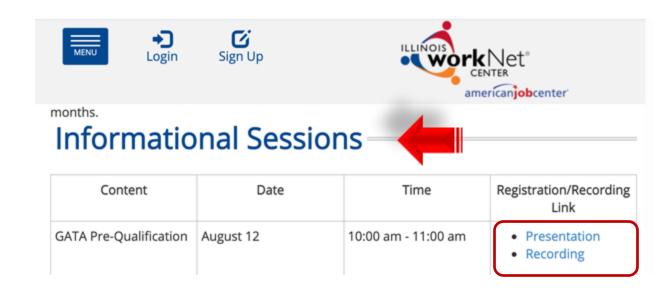
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Webinar Recordings











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Background

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the "Department" or "DCEO") is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity ("NOFO") to expand the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program. The Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program is administered by the Department's Office of Illinois Works.

The goal of the Illinois Works Act is to ensure that all Illinois residents have access to State capital projects and careers in the construction industry and building trades, as well as provide contracting and employment opportunities to historically underrepresented populations in the construction industry and the trades. The illinois Works Preapprenticeship NOFO and program is a critical component in the success of the Act, by increasing the number of qualified construction and building trades apprentices who are women, people of color, veterans or from otherwise underrepresented populations (as defined by the Illinois Works jobs Program Act) and preparing them to enter full apprenticeship programs on their way to careers in construction and the building trades.



This NOFO is focused, although not exclusively, on awarding grants in geographic areas where the Office of illinois Works does not presently have pre-apprenticeship programs and to increase the representation of underrepresented groups that presently are not served or are underserved by existing programs including individuals of Asian descent, Veterans, and Women, among others. This NOFO is open to all Economic Development Regions, but the following regions and countles are strongly encouraged to apply:





- · North Central Region (Region 3) Peoria County, McLean County
- Northeast Region (Region 4) DeKalb County, DuPage County, Kane County, Kankakee County, Kendall County. McHenry County, Suburban Cook County, Will County
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View the geographic boundaries of these Economic Development Regions



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This NOFO will use the definitions established in the Illinois Works jobs Program Act, including the definitions for "community-based organizations" and "underrepresented populations." It will also use the State of Illinois definition for a pre-apprenticeship program which appears in the Illinois Career Pathways Dictionary, Besides the following definitions and frameworks, additional information and resources are included in the Appendix of this NOFO.

Community-based organization: The Illinois Works Act establishes that "community-based organization" means a nonprofit organization, including an accredited public college or university, selected by the Department to participate in the Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship Program, To

FAOs



NOFO Materials

- · Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship NOFO
- Uniform Application Budget Template











Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship NOFO 2024 ~ Website





- and
- any prerequisites for acceptance into an apprenticeship program.

Funding Information

This grant program is utilizing state funding appropriated by the illinois General Assembly under Public Act 103-1006. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is up to \$18,000,000. Awards will range from \$150,000 to \$550,000. The Department expects to make up to 35 awards through this NOFO.

Anticipated start date for awards is January 1, 2025.

The period of performance is expected to be January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

The Department will offer an award that provides average funding of \$11,000 per participant.

Submission Details

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Applicans must submit a project narrative that describes in detail how the award will be executed. The project narrative should include enough information for DCEO to understand the scope of the project, the budget, including a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with each budget line and any additional necessary detail to enable DCEO to manage the grant agreement activity against planned project performance. The Project Narrative must include evidence of capacity, quality and need as defined in Section E.1.

Due date for application materials is Friday, August 30, 2024 by 5:00 pm CST.

For detailed information about the funding opportunity and instruction on how to apply, see the full NOFO, as well as required documents, linked under NOFO Materials.

Notice of Intent to Apply

The Department requests that applicants submit a Notice of Intent to Apply by Friday, August 9th at 5pm (CST). The Notice of Intent to Apply should be a one page document that Includes the name of the lead applicant and the regions served. Submitting the Notice of Intent to Apply is optional and will assist the Department in Jolanning the merit review of applications.

These letters will help the Department determine merit reviewer needs.

Award Timeline

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Information Sessions

For comments, feedback, or questions email the Office of Illinois Works at CEO.ILWorks@illinois.gov.

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- Illinois Essential Employability Skills
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- The Essentials of a High-Quality Preapprenticeship Program, Jobs for the Future, 2019
- United States Department of Labor, Training and Employment Notice 13-12
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- Discover Apprenticeship: Earn While You Earn Today
- U.S. Dept of Labor, Registered Apprenticeship Partners Information Database System (RAPIDS)

Resources for Competitive Applications

- Apprenticeship illinois
- Grant Accountability and Transparency Act
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- Regional and Local Workforce Plans
- State of Illinois WIOA ePolicy Portal
- State of Illinois WIOA Unified State Plan
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- U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Employment and Training, Office of
- WIOA Regional/Local Plans by Economic Development Region
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014

Resources on National Best Practices for Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Programs

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FAQs



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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- Budget Template
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Mandatory Disclosure
- Attachment I Proposed Work Plan
- Attachment II Participant Demographics and Outcome Summary
- Attachment III Sample Curriculum and Proposed Curriculum
- Attachment IV Staffing Plan



Illinois Works ~ Practice Round













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Feedback ~ We want to hear from you









Thank You!

