



ILLINOIS

Pat Quinn, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Simone McNeil, Acting Director

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The Honorable Pat Quinn  
Governor of Illinois  
207 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Quinn,

I am pleased to submit the State Government Suggestion Award Board (SGSAB) 2014 Annual Report to the General Assembly. The State of Illinois welcomes Illinois residents to submit cost-savings suggestions to State Government Suggestion Award Board. Since 1993, the State has realized savings totaling \$566,021 through suggestions received and reviewed by the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Simone McNeil", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Simone McNeil  
Acting Director



## STATE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTION AWARD BOARD (SGSAB) 2014 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 84th General Assembly created the State Employees' Suggestion Award Board (Public Act 84-943), which is governed by 20 ILCS 405/405-130. Public Act 95-0185 changed the name of the program to the State Government Suggestion Award Board (SGSAB) and opened the program to Illinois residents as of January 1, 2008. SGSAB's role is to perform confidential reviews of submitted cost-savings suggestions. If deemed appropriate, these suggestions are forwarded to the relevant state agencies for their determination of feasibility, originality and cost savings.

If an agency head certifies that a suggestion is feasible, SGSAB then considers its eligibility for an award. Monetary awards are paid based on the savings generated in accordance with the Schedule of Payment as set forth in statute. In FY15, the General Assembly appropriated \$1,800 for payment of awards and reimbursable expenses. At the writing of this report, the balance in the SGSAB account is \$1,800.

The Board consists of eight members, appointed two each by; the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The Directors of the Department of Central Management Services and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget serve as exofficio, non-voting members. The SGSAB members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for Board duties.

The 2014 SGSAB Board members are:

Senator Steve Stadelman

Senator David Luechtefeld

Former Senator Howard Carroll

Senator Sam McCann

Representative Bob Pritchard

Representative Wayne Rosenthal

Representative Naomi Jakobsson

Representative Jerry Costello II

Acting Director of Department of Central Management Services, Simone McNeil,

Ex-officio, non-voting member

Acting Director of Governor's Office of Management and Budget, Jerry Stermer/ Ben Winick

Ex-officio, non-voting member

Prior to former Chairman Senator Bomke's retirement, the Board would meet in Springfield in his office. The Director of Central Management Services serves as Secretary to receive suggestions and perform all administrative support functions for the Board. During 2014, the Board was inactive due to vacancies and the retirement of Senator Bomke. The Board has since been acquiring the necessary appointments to reactivate the program. To date the Board has been unsuccessful in electing a new Chairman, establishing a meeting schedule and determining a meeting location for calendar year 2014.

In calendar year 2014, the Board received 7 suggestions. To date, none of these suggestions has been conferred an award. Since 1993, a total savings of \$566,021 has been realized by the State from suggestions received and reviewed by the Board.