December 30, 2015

The Honorable Bruce Rauner Governor of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Governor Rauner,

I am pleased to submit the State Government Suggestion Award Board (SGSAB) 2015 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,

Tom Tyrrell Director

## STATE GOVERNMENT SUGGESTION AWARD BOARD (SGSAB) 2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 84th General Assembly created the State Employees' Suggestion Award Board (Public Ac t84-943), 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 Ex-officio, non-voting members. The SGSAB members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for Board duties.

## The 2015 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
Director of Department of Central Management Services, Tom Tyrrell,
Ex-officio, non-voting member
Director of Governor's Office of Management and Budget, Tim Nuding,
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 2015, 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 2015.

In calendar year 2015, the Board received 120 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.