

State of Illinois

Veteran Business Program

Services Disable Veteran-Owned Small Business | Veteran-Owned Small Business



Annual Report -- Fiscal Year 2013

Pat Quinn

Governor

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To the Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor, and

The Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly

Subject: **UPDATED SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT.**

Greetings,

On behalf of the Department of Central Management Services, pursuant to Public Act 097-260 (30ILCS 500/45-57(b)), we are presenting an update to our FY 2013 Annual Report for Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran –Owned Small Businesses (VOSB). In FY 2013, CMS worked to establish the certification eligibilities and programmatic procedures that will be administered for all activity involving these owned businesses.

CMS has established the **Veterans Business Program (VBP)** which oversees the certification of SDVOSB/VOSB firms and monitors their utilization in State contracts. In addition, we have worked in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA), and the four Chief Procurement Offices in carrying out a strategic marketing plan encouraging vendors to participate within the State’s procurement process. This effort includes statewide recruitment and outreach events conducted in partnership with these agencies along with support from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA) and the Capital Development Board (CDB).

To date, CMS has certified a total of 70 VBP applications, with 35 identified as SDVOSB and 35 identified VOSB. CMS has also enacted a recognition policy with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Cook County in an effort to increase the State’s VBP vendor pool. During FY14, we will also establish a VBP Committee composed of five members to be appointed by the Directors of CMS and IDVA. The VBP Committee appointees will serve for 2 years and will assist with oversight of the certification appeal process for VBP applicants.

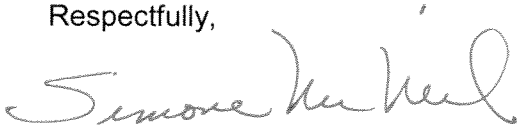
During FY13, CPO offices reported:

- Total number of veteran small businesses that submitted bids for contracts.....14.
- Total number of Veteran small businesses who entered into contracts with state.....9.
- Total value of contracts awarded.....\$32,035,991.

The total contract award value represents 0.3% of contracting dollars being achieved by SDVOSB/VOSBs.

We remain steadfast and committed to the continued improvement of our Veteran Business Program. We will focus an aggressive campaign this year to enhance the program by providing agency training in implementation of VBP goal setting and compliance reviews, increasing outreach efforts, streamlining our certification process, and continuing to encourage qualified, prospective Veteran vendors to seek State business.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Simone McNeil". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Simone McNeil
Acting Director