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Aurora outreach program October 31 will familiarize contractors with bidding opportunities for the *Illinois Jobs Now!* construction program

AURORA – An outreach program to familiarize contractors, designers and suppliers with bidding opportunities under the *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital construction program will be held Thursday, October 31 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Waubensee Community College, 18 S. River Street, Room 268, in Aurora. The program is free and open to anyone interested in working on state-funded construction projects. Reservations are requested, and may be made by contacting Sandy Begue, Capital Development Board, (217) 524-6793 or email sandy.begue@illinois.gov. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

The October 31 program is sponsored by State Senator Linda Holmes, State Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, State Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia, Waubensee Community College, and the Illinois Small Business Development Center. It will be conducted by the Capital Development Board (CDB), which manages all state-funded, non-road construction projects.

The session will feature an overview of the *Illinois Jobs Now!* program and bidding opportunities for projects included in the program. Topics to be covered include project delivery methods; the Minority Business Enterprise / Female Business Enterprise (MBE/FBE) program; the Veteran Business Enterprise program; an overview of requirements and opportunities for architects, engineers and designers; and a session that will help business people become pre-qualified as required to bid on state construction projects, and familiarize them with state contract requirements.

“This is part of a series of outreach efforts that are being held throughout the state to keep the construction industry involved in the \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital program that is creating about 439,000 construction jobs,” CDB Executive Director Jim Underwood said. “The program will also give firms who may not have done state construction work in the past the opportunity to network with key CDB personnel, and to learn the basic requirements for participating in state construction projects, including prequalification.”

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