

- 20. Buy Illinois Program.** The Buy Illinois Program encourages contractors to incorporate products manufactured, fabricated or assembled in the State of Illinois. It is a voluntary program; there is no incentive provision affecting the award of the contract nor is there a required percent of the contract that must be Illinois products.

Illinois products will be indicated in the project manual with (IL) preceding the item in the specification paragraph. Typically, only specifications that are prescriptive, those listing three or more manufacturers, will be in the program. Contractors should consider these products when procuring the materials and equipment for the project. If the contractor is aware of an Illinois product not listed, the contractor is encouraged to advise the A/E prior to bidding or offer a product substitution with the bid. CDB will verify that the product meets the definition of an Illinois product and add it to CDB's Buy Illinois product directory.

Contractors should provide the total amount of Illinois products on the Contractor's Schedule of Values (CSV.) The individual items included in the total should be identified by putting (IL) in front of their description on the CSV.

Where material is specified by standards and/codes and not by a list of acceptable manufacturers, contractors are still encouraged to purchase Illinois products. However, the contractor should not include these materials in the computation of the total dollars for Illinois products on the CSV.