



CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICE

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CPO Memorandum

To: State Contractors and Consultants

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Subject: Contribution Notice

With the approaching election season, the Chief Procurement Office would like to remind vendors of the prohibition on political contributions found in Section 50-37 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/50-37). We encourage every vendor to be familiar with this section of the Code and to seek legal advice as to how this section affects your company.

The first day candidates may file nominating petitions with the State Board of Elections is November 25, 2013. As such, please be sure to check the up to date listing of declared candidates which will be available on the Board of Elections website at

<http://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionInformation/CandFiling.aspx>.

Please note, in most cases contributions to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor as well as all other declared candidates for those offices are prohibited. In addition, contributions made by entities and persons affiliated with your business are also prohibited. For more information about which entities and persons are considered "affiliated" with your business please see the Business Registration FAQ available on the State Board of Elections website at

<http://www.elections.il.gov/InfoForBusinesses.aspx> or the Illinois Procurement Code at Section 50-37 (30 ILCS 500/50-37) which is available on the General Assembly's website at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=532&ChapterID=7>.

If you are unsure whether the prohibition on political contributions applies to your business, please refer to the Illinois Procurement Code at Section 50-37 available on the General Assembly's website at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=532&ChapterID=7>.

Finally, please note if a vendor is found to violate this prohibition, all contracts between State agencies and that vendor are voidable. If a vendor violates this prohibition 3 or more times within a 36-month period, then all contracts between State agencies and that vendor are void.