



CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICE

Bill Grunloh, Department of Transportation - Highway Construction

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Kellye A. Keyes, Executive Director
Commission on Equity & Inclusion
100 West Randolph, 4-100
Chicago, IL 60601-3218

Re: Report of Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and
Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB)

Dear Executive Director Keyes:

Pursuant to Public Act 97-260 (30 ILCS 500/45-57(b), the Chief Procurement Officer for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (Highway Construction) is providing you with the Fiscal Year 2022 report of Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSB) and Veteran Owned Small Businesses (VOSB).

The numbers being reported are achieved without Veteran's goals in place. The department has received guidance from the Federal Highway Administration that Veteran's goals are not permitted to be included alongside, or in-lieu-of, goals established under the United States Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise regulations.

These numbers are being provided for informational purposes. Currently there are 195 certified businesses in the Veterans Business Program (VBP). Out of those certified, only 38 firms are prequalified and certified with IDOT. Those 38 consist of the following: 5 prequalified prime contractors, 7 prequalified consultants and 26 registered subcontractors.

- IDOT prequalified prime contractors - 580 (5 certified in the VBP)
- IDOT registered subcontractors - 965 (26 certified in the VBP)
- IDOT prequalified consultants - 366 (7 certified in the VBP)

Per 30 ILCS 500/45-57 (b), the CPO shall report:

1. Total number of VOSB that submitted bids for contracts = IDOT - 8
2. Total number of VOSB that entered into contracts = **6 VOSB for a total of 13 contracts.**
3. Total contract awarded amount = **\$ 78,039,969.23**

Please note that these numbers represent only “construction and construction related” contracts and do not include “supplies and services” which are procured through the General Services CPO.

My continued recommendation to CMS and IDOT is the importance of vigorous outreach to increase the number of certified firms in the Veterans Business Program so it can become a viable program.

Sincerely,



Bill Grunloh
Chief Procurement Officer

cc: Omer Osman, Secretary
Georgina White, Chief of Staff
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