October 15, 2024

Alexandria Wilson, Executive Director Commission on Equity & Inclusion 100 West Randolph, 14-300 Chicago, IL 60601-3218

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

Dear Executive Director Wilson:

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 2024 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 194 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: 6 prequalified prime contractors, 9 prequalified consultants and 25 registered subcontractors.

- IDOT prequalified prime contractors 581 (6 certified in the VBP)
- IDOT registered subcontractors 1051 (25 certified in the VBP)
- IDOT prequalified consultants 363 (9 certified in the VBP)

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

- Total number of VOSB that submitted bids for contracts = IDOT 13
- Total number of VOSB that entered into contracts = 8 VOSB for a total of 50 contracts.
- 3. Total contract awarded amount = \$8,915,959.74

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.

Sincerely,

Bill Grunloh

Chief Procurement Officer

cc: Omer Osman, Secretary
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