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January 15 outreach program in Champaign to familiarize contractors with new requirements as state gears up for a busy construction season

CHAMPAIGN – The first in a series of outreach programs to familiarize contractors and suppliers with new state construction project requirements will be held Friday, January 15 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the I Hotel and Conference Center at 1900 South First Street in Champaign. The program is free and open to anyone interested in working on state-funded construction projects, including numerous projects that are coming as part of the *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital construction program. No advance reservations are required.

The January 15 program is sponsored by Central Illinois Builders – Associated General Contractors; Illinois Mechanical and Specialty Contractors Association; Illinois Construction Industry Committee; and the Capital Development Board (CDB), which manages all state-funded, non-road construction projects.

The program will feature information about the new Minority Business Enterprise / Female Business Enterprise (MBE/FBE) requirements contained in Public Act 096-0706 that passed the Illinois General Assembly in 2009. The program will also provide updates on the Single Prime Alternative Project Delivery Method, a new system that can be used on larger construction projects where the general contractor, rather than each subcontractor, answers directly to CDB regarding all aspects of the project. One of only two such laws in the United States (the other is in Minnesota), the Single Prime Method has proven effective on large projects where cost and schedule control are crucial. The Illinois law is unique because it includes protections for subcontractors.

The January 15 program in Champaign will wind up with a session that will help business people become pre-qualified as required to bid on state construction projects, and will familiarize them with state contract requirements.

“This is the first in a series of outreach efforts that will be held throughout the state to get the construction industry ready for the \$31 billion, three-year *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital program that will create about 439,000 construction jobs,” said CDB Executive Director Jim Riemer. “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 our industry partners, and to learn the basic requirements for participating in state construction projects, including prequalification.”

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