

## **Governor Quinn extends Single Prime pilot program an additional four years**

Illinois Governor Pat Quinn on July 22, 2011 signed Senate Bill 1352, which extends the Capital Development Board's Single Prime pilot program an additional four years and allows more funding to be devoted to single prime projects. The legislation became effective immediately.

“The single prime project delivery method with its protected sub-contractor provision is a beneficial tool for public building construction in Illinois,” said Capital Development Board Executive Director Jim Underwood. “It features one contract between the State of Illinois and the prime contractor on a project. The prime contractor then hires the subcontractors for the portions of the project performed by the various trades. This streamlines communication and workflow on certain large, complex building projects.”

The Capital Development Board has just completed a three-year Single Prime pilot program with several projects totaling \$35 million. These projects had a change order rate of as low as one to three percent, versus the average change order rate of about 7.5 percent on projects with the regular delivery method. The new four-year pilot program will allow up to \$200 million per calendar year in single prime projects in Illinois. Each individual project must have a budget of at least \$15 million.

The federal government, more than 40 states, the City of Chicago, and nearly every private company in the United States uses some form of single prime delivery method. Illinois' method is unique in that the state has worked to protect the major sub-contractors.