

# LEGISLATION FOCUSED ON STATE PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS PASSES!

The Illinois General Assembly passed legislation focused on helping small businesses receive their fair share of state procurement contracts. This legislation is important for job creation and the success of the state's small businesses.



This legislation will require the chief procurement office for the respective agency that rejects four consecutive bids from a small business to provide the same services to the Department of Transportation, the Capital Development Board, and the Illinois State Toll Highway authority with a written explanation of the reasons the four bids were rejected. The explanation will be submitted within the same quarter that the fourth bid was rejected.

## The written explanation must include:



- A description of the agency's needs
- A determination that the anticipated cost will be fair and reasonable
- A listing of all responsible and responsive bidders
- The name of the bidder selected, the total contract price, and the reasons for selecting that bidder

Small business owners invest significant time and money in submitting bids for state contracts. They are entitled to understatement where they fell short and why their bid was rejected.

