




**NOTICE 2025.05  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

To: University Procurement Staff  
State Purchasing Officers

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Subject: Illinois Businesses (30 ILCS 500/45-105)

CC: Commission on Equity and Inclusion  
Procurement Policy Board

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This CPO Notice amends the following paragraphs in CPO Notice 2025.04. All other sections remain in effect.

“In procuring construction services for projects with a total value that exceeds the small purchase maximum established by Section 20-20 of [the Illinois Procurement] Code, construction agencies shall provide a bid preference to a responsive and responsible bidder that is an Illinois business as defined in this Section. The construction agency shall allocate to the lowest bid by an Illinois business that is responsible and responsive a bid preference of 4% of the contract base bid. [30 ILCS 500/45-105(e)].

This subsection applies only to projects where a business that is not an Illinois business submits a bid.” [30 ILCS 500/45-105(e)].