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HIGHER EDUCATION

To: University Procurement Staff
               State Purchasing Officers

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Subject: Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act Reminder (30 ILCS 595/)

CC: Commission on Equity and Inclusion
               Procurement Policy Board

The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act (30 ILCS 595/5) defines "local farm or food products" as "products: (1) grown in Illinois; or (2) processed and packaged in Illinois, using at least one ingredient grown in Illinois."

30 ILCS 595/10, sets forth the following goals and requirement.

> *(a) It shall be the goal of this State that 20% of all food and food products purchased by …public universities, shall, by 2020, be local farm or food products.*

> *(b) The State shall support and encourage that 10% of food and food products purchased by entities funded in part or in whole by State dollars, which spend more than $25,000 per year on food or food products …shall, by 2020, be local farm or food products.*

> *(e) On January 1, 2024 and each January 1 thereafter, [public universities] that purchase food or food products shall publish in their respective procurement bulletins, in the form and format prescribed by the chief procurement officer, notice of their purchases of local farm or food products in the immediately preceding fiscal year.*

The Local Farm and Food Products Report form, which is available on the CPO-HE website, should be completed and submitted annually to cpowebmaster@uillinois.edu and copy iphecoop@uillinois.edu by December 15th. Once received, these forms will be published on the Vendor Resources page of the Illinois Procurement Bulletin for Public Institutions of Higher Education.

If there are any questions regarding this Notice, please contact your assigned State Purchasing Officer or the CPO Office at eec.cpohe@illinois.gov. This Notice is effective immediately.