



Sole Source Procurement Report FY2026

State of Illinois Chief Procurement Office –
Public Institutions of Higher Education

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Executive Summary

The Chief Procurement Officer for Public Institutions of Higher Education (CPO-HE) works with the public institutions of higher education and the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) to meet their procurement needs free of undue influence through independent authority, oversight, and approval. The CPO-HE further works with the institutions to continually improve procurement policies and to establish best practices that recognize the specific needs of the institutions in relation to their role and importance to the State of Illinois.

The Illinois Procurement Code (Code) requires that each Chief Procurement Officer issue a report on sole source contracts on a fiscal year basis (30 ILCS 500/20-25). This report is for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. This report is filed electronically with the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, Illinois State Library, and the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. It can also be found on the CPO-HE website.

The Code allows contracting without formal competition when there is only one, or only one economically feasible, source for the needed supply or service. The universities and IMSA are required to submit substantial justification and work with the State Purchasing Officer to determine whether a particular need is appropriate for sole source treatment. If this method is approved, the Chief Procurement Office provides a 14-day public notice of intent to contract on a sole source basis and an opportunity for any interested party to request a public hearing. This process allows any vendor to dispute the sole source declaration and provide evidence to that effect. Any member of the public may also request a hearing to voice concerns with the intent.

Statistical Overview – FY26

Total Value of Sole Source Procurements: \$100,126,722.80

Total Number of Sole Source Transactions: 142

Average Value of Sole Source Transactions: \$705,117.77

Total Institutions Awarding Sole Source Contracts: 15

Total Number of Hearings Held: 1

Public Hearings – FY26

During FY26, one public hearing was conducted compared to three hearings in FY25 and one hearing in FY24.

Sole Source Transactions – FY26

FY26 Sole Source Transactions by Procuring Institution*	# Transactions	\$ Amount
Chicago State University (CSU)	5	\$ 1,587,841.61
Eastern Illinois University (EIU)	6	\$ 936,078.41
Governors State University (GSU)	2	\$ 2,035,914.00
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)	0	\$ -
Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC)	5	\$ 22,500,000.00
Illinois State University (ISU)	6	\$ 5,247,897.00
Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)	5	\$ 1,498,660.30
Northern Illinois University (NIU)	7	\$ 1,796,543.65
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale (SIUC)	5	\$ 353,096.00
Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (SIUE)	11	\$ 3,494,226.83
Southern Illinois University – Medicine (SIU Med)	9	\$ 2,172,438.50
University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)	8	\$ 4,505,165.45
University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)	1	\$ 169,920.00
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)	54	\$ 22,909,351.05
University of Illinois System (UI System)	17	\$ 30,369,590.00
Western Illinois University (WIU)	1	\$ 550,000.00
TOTAL	142	\$ 100,126,722.80

Sole Source Renewals – FY26

During FY26, there were 66 sole source renewals with a total value of \$62,411,552.06.

FY26 Sole Source Renewals by Procuring Institution	# Renewals	\$ Amount
Chicago State University (CSU)	1	\$ 402,830.72
Eastern Illinois University (EIU)	2	\$ 250,000.00
Governors State University (GSU)	0	\$ -
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA)	0	\$ -
Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC)	5	\$ 29,700,000.00
Illinois State University (ISU)	1	\$ 175,000.00
Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU)	0	\$ -
Northern Illinois University (NIU)	3	\$ 427,299.00
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale (SIUC)	3	\$ 1,211,237.00
Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (SIUE)	1	\$ 41,300.00
Southern Illinois University – Medicine (SIU Med)	4	\$ 532,380.00
University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)	28	\$ 23,084,739.67
University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)	0	\$ -
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)	16	\$ 6,196,765.67
University of Illinois System (UI System)	2	\$ 390,000.00
Western Illinois University (WIU)	0	\$ -
TOTAL	66	\$ 62,411,552.06

The above table includes all renewals executed within FY26 regardless of the fiscal year of the original award.

Sole Source by Justification Type – FY26

Section 4.2025 of the Administrative Rules for the Chief Procurement Officer for Public Institutions of Higher Education lists circumstances that could necessitate a sole source procurement, including but not limited to those listed below. The following table captures the number of transactions conducted using each of the justification types.

Rule Citation	Justification Description	# Trans.	\$ Value	% of Total
4.2025(b)	Critical changes to existing contract best made by existing contract holder	4	\$ 910,496.00	0.91%
4.2025(b)	Organizational memberships	1	\$ 775,000.00	0.77%
4.2025(b)	Software, license, upgrades, or maintenance	22	\$ 12,570,453.92	12.55%
4.2025(b)	Other	9	\$ 3,374,830.00	3.37%
4.2025(b)(1)	Compatibility of equipment, accessories, parts	35	\$ 13,795,007.00	13.78%
4.2025(b)(2)	Items needed for trial use or testing	0	\$ -	0.00%
4.2025(b)(3)	Item is for commercial resale	4	\$ 5,650,000.00	5.64%
4.2025(b)(4)	Noncompetitive public utility services	2	\$ 875,000.00	0.87%
4.2025(b)(5)	Copyrighted or patented	27	\$ 44,187,899.29	44.13%
4.2025(b)(6)	Media for advertising	3	\$ 2,150,000.00	2.15%
4.2025(b)(7)	Art, entertainment services or athletic events	0	\$ -	0.00%
4.2025(b)(8)	Radio and television broadcast rights	0	\$ -	0.00%
4.2025(b)(9)	Activities mandated by organizations of which university is a member	0	\$ -	0.00%
4.2025(b)(10)	Federal or state grant requires a specific vendor	2	\$ 619,377.64	0.62%
4.2025(b)(11)	Required by existing franchise agreement	1	\$ 450,000.00	0.45%
4.2025(b)(12)	Required for research	32	\$ 14,768,658.95	14.75%
4.2025(b)(13)	New. Latest edition textbooks	0	\$ -	0.00%
	TOTAL	142	\$ 100,126,722.80	100.00%

Sole Source Historical Statistics

In FY26, the Chief Procurement Officer for Public Institutions of Higher Education awarded 142 sole source procurements, valued at \$100,126,722.80. This is a decrease in the value of sole source transactions over the previous year.

Three Year Historical Overview	FY26	FY25	FY24
# Institutions Awarding Sole Source Contracts	15	13	14
Total Dollar Value of Sole Source Contracts	\$ 100,126,722.80	\$ 235,779,043.37	\$ 600,891,940.91
Total Number of Sole Source Transactions	142	144	176
Average Dollar Value of Sole Source Transactions	\$ 705,117.77	\$ 1,637,354.47	\$ 3,414,518.76

FY24 "Total Dollar Value of Sole Source Contracts" has been amended in the above table.

Sole Source by Procuring Institutions	\$ Trans. FY26	# Trans. FY26	\$ Trans. FY25	# Trans. FY25	\$ Trans. FY24	# Trans. FY24
CSU	\$ 1,587,841.61	5	\$ 443,703.54	2	\$ 5,280,000.00	2
EIU	\$ 936,078.41	6	\$ 1,679,518.00	3	\$ 2,486,701.00	4
GSU	\$ 2,035,914.00	2	\$ 1,755,604.00	5	\$ 2,331,000.00	4
IMSA	\$ -	0	\$ -	0	\$ -	0
IPHEC	\$ 22,500,000.00	5	\$ 117,000,000.00	4	\$ 366,560,000.00	20
ISU	\$ 5,247,897.00	6	\$ 1,855,000.00	4	\$ 1,800,000.00	4
NEIU	\$ 1,498,660.30	5	\$ -	0	\$ 5,000,000.00	1
NIU	\$ 1,796,543.65	7	\$ 545,800.00	4	\$ 3,582,500.00	5
SIUC	\$ 353,096.00	5	\$ 997,971.00	5	\$ 6,538,562.30	13
SIUE	\$ 3,494,226.83	11	\$ 4,485,011.44	14	\$ 6,777,987.00	5
SIU Med	\$ 2,172,438.50	9	\$ 1,096,755.21	6	\$ 4,005,434.53	6
UIC	\$ 4,505,165.45	8	\$ 9,452,218.35	16	\$ 47,836,519.00	20
UIS	\$ 169,920.00	1	\$ 1,422,908.85	7	\$ 357,485.00	3
UIUC	\$ 22,909,351.05	54	\$ 28,335,552.98	63	\$ 81,826,213.08	69
UI System	\$ 30,369,590.00	17	\$ -	0	\$ 66,509,539.00	20
WIU	\$ 550,000.00	1	\$ 66,709,000.00	11	\$ -	0
TOTAL	\$ 100,126,722.80	142	\$ 235,779,043.37	144	\$ 600,891,940.91	176

"\$ Trans. FY24" has been amended in the above table.

Contact Information

To learn more about the Chief Procurement Office for Public Institutions of Higher Education and procurement processes, visit the CPO-HE's website or contact us directly.

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