



**Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion**  
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Re: FastTrack Certification

Dear James I Clark,

Congratulations! After reviewing your information, we are pleased to inform you that your firm has been granted certification as a Minority Business Enterprise within the Business Enterprise Program for minorities, women, and persons with disabilities (BEP). The Commission on Equity and Inclusion (CEI) was created to maximize supplier diversity, equity, and inclusion by ensuring access to contracting opportunities. CEI develops procedures and initiatives that make procurement processes inclusive, fair, and equitable while providing support, education, and mentorship. CEI established the FastTrack Certification to ensure the seamless activation of a reciprocal certification and reduce duplicative red tape.

**FastTrack Partners**

Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council  
Mid-States Minority Supplier Development Council  
Women's Business Development Center

The FastTrack Certification allows vendors certified by one of the FastTrack partner organizations to apply for BEP certification, which has several benefits. Businesses certified through FastTrack will be listed in CEI's certified vendor directory, ensuring visibility amongst State procurement professionals and potential prime vendors. The BEP certification is recognized by various municipalities and organizations, aligning with their supplier diversity initiatives. Best of all, certification is free!

**Host Agency:** Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council

**Certification Type:** Minority Business Enterprise

**Certification Date:** 09/26/2024

**Certification Expiration Date:** 09/30/2025

**Certification Renewal Date:** 09/30/2025

The FastTrack Certification term will mirror the FastTrack partner's certification term. Please note that renewing your host agency's certification does not automatically renew your BEP certification. To renew your FastTrack Certification, you must complete the FastTrack Certification process again by submitting the

required documentation. Please ensure that your contact information in CEI's Supplier Diversity Management Portal is accurate and current. Check the provided email account regularly to avoid missing important notifications. At least 90 days before the anniversary date of your certification, CEI's BEP certification unit will email you about your upcoming expiration.

FastTrack-certified firms are encouraged to notify the BEP certification unit within two weeks if any of the following changes occur:

- Ownership changes.
- Changes in control.
- Changes in the host agency's certification status.

If applicable, the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes provided by the host agency have been translated to the following National Institute of Government Purchasing (NIGP) commodity codes using CEI's [crosswalk](#). Please review the following list carefully to ensure all relevant NIGP codes are included. Your firm's name will only appear in CEI's certified vendor directory as a BEP-certified vendor in the specialty area(s) of:

918 - 49 - Finance and Economics Consulting, 946 - 49 - Financial Services (Not Otherwise Classified), 946 - 56 - Investment Management Services

Four Chief Procurement Officers (CPOs) exercise the State of Illinois' procurement authority. Each CPO has a separate bulletin that publishes the State's solicitations and bidding opportunities for each portfolio. CEI strongly recommends that all State-certified vendors register with each procurement bulletin to ensure notification of all relevant prime and subcontractor bidding opportunities.

### **CPO Procurement Websites**

- The Chief Procurement Officer of General Services (CPO-GS) oversees the purchases of goods and services for roughly 65 State agencies, boards, and commissions. Learn more about CPO-GS at <https://cpo-general.illinois.gov/>
- The Chief Procurement Officer of Higher Education (CPO-HE) oversees purchasing by State universities. Learn more about CPO-HE at <https://cpo-highered.illinois.gov/>
- The Chief Procurement Officer of the Capital Development Board (CPO-CDB) oversees vertical construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-CDB at <https://cpo-cdb.illinois.gov/>
- The Chief Procurement Officer of the Illinois Department of Transportation (CPO-IDOT) oversees horizontal construction and construction-related services purchases. Learn more about CPO-IDOT at <https://cpo-dot.illinois.gov/>.

CEI welcomes your participation in BEP and wishes you continued success. If you have any questions or comments, please email [CEI.BEP.Certification@Illinois.gov](mailto:CEI.BEP.Certification@Illinois.gov) or call (312) 814-4190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Carlos Gutierrez', written in a cursive style.

Carlos Gutierrez  
Certification Manager