State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information

Awarding Agency Name	Commerce And Econ Opp
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Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	FY27-1
Funding Opportunity Title	Film and TV Workforce Training Program
CSFA Number	420-45-2336
CSFA Popular Name	Film and TV Workforce Training Program
Anticipated Number of Awards	8
Estimated Total Program Funding	$1,000,000
Award Range	$50000 - $180000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	No
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	Yes : All grantees must complete an indirect cost rate negotiation or elect the De Minimis Rate to claim indirect costs. Indirect costs claimed without a negotiated rate or a De Minimis Rate election on record in the State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system may be subject to disallowance.
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Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Film and TV Workforce Training Program
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For information about grants please visit:
https://dceo.illinois.gov/dceo-grants.html

A. Program Description

Notice of Funding Opportunity Intent
The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the “Department” or “DCEO”) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) to fund film & TV workforce training programs.

Program Description
Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), the Department will provide funding for training program proposals designed to address the growing need for a skilled and knowledgeable film and television workforce. The goal of this initiative is to administer workforce training programs that enhance recruitment, hiring, promotion, retention, development, and training to support a diverse and inclusive workforce within the film industry. These programs will provide participants with essential job skills that meet the needs of producers and studios, while expanding employment opportunities for Illinois residents, including the unemployed and those facing employment challenges.

The primary aim of this program is to train Illinois residents who are high school graduates (or possess an equivalent qualification) for entry-level positions in film and television production. These roles encompass:

- On-set training (such as production assistants, set construction, etc.)
- Office training (including office production assistants, location assistants, production accountants)
- Hands-on sustainability training

Fifty percent (50%) of the funds appropriated for this opportunity are set-aside for organizations that meet one of the following criteria:

- Is a minority-owned business, as defined by the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act
- Is located in an underserved area, as defined by the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act; or
- On an annual basis, is training a cohort of program participants where at least 50% of the program participants are either a minority person, as defined by the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act, or reside in an underserved area, as defined by the Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act.

An underserved area, as defined the EDGE Act (35 ILCS 10), must meet one of these criteria:

- The area has a poverty rate of at least 20% according the latest American Community Survey,
- 35% or more of the families with children in the area are living below 130% of the poverty line, according to the latest American Community Survey;
- At least 20% of the households in the area receive assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or
- The area has an average unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is more than 120% of the national unemployment average, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, for a period of at least 2 consecutive calendar years preceding the date of the application.

Grantees will be required to enroll three cohorts of 12-15 students over the grant term. Grantees must make a good faith effort to recruit students from a diverse population pool. Grantees will be required to provide a minimum of 80 hours of instruction per cohort, must maintain 80% of students through the end of the training and allocate funds for trainee stipends that at least meets minimum wage standards. Grantees must collaborate with the Illinois Film Office to ensure alignment with current industry production needs and facilitate employment opportunities after completion of training.

Further, On December 12, 2025, Governor Pritzker signed an expansion of the Illinois Film Production Tax Credit that includes a 5% incentive for certified green productions. To support this expansion and ensure the availability of a sustainability skilled workforce, successful applicants must incorporate hands-on sustainability training into their programs. Suggested topics include:

- Fundamentals of sustainable filmmaking
- Working knowledge of sustainability across all departments on a film production
- Resource rescue protocols
- Introduction to clean energy integration
- The significance of collaboration in sustainability initiatives

Program History

Illinois' film and television production sectors continue to experience remarkable growth. In 2025, statewide film production expenditures reached an all-time high of $703 million, supporting approximately 18,000 industry jobs. This represents a 25 percent increase in film production expenditures compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019. The recent expansion of the Illinois Film Production Tax Credit positions the state to build on this momentum offering significant enhancements, such as a downstate film production credit and innovative initiatives like the sustainability credit. The Illinois region is poised for a production boom and is dedicated to providing trained and qualified crews to meet the increasing demand.

Since the inception of the Film & TV Workforce Training Program, the Illinois Film Office has collaborated with numerous organizations statewide, successfully training over 550 individuals. More than 60% of these participants have landed short-term or long-term job opportunities, including positions on *Somebody Somewhere*, *The Bear*, *The Deli Boys*, *Chicago Med*, *Fire*, and *PD*, along with various independent film productions and commercials.

Performance Goals and Measures

Successful grantees will be required to report on the expenditure of funds and the number of students enrolled and expected to graduate from these state-funded job training programs. Using the Periodic Financial and Performance reporting templates, grantees must be able to relate financial data to performance accomplishment that support the Department's mission to grow the professional production community in Illinois. Performance measures as outlined in 2 CFR 200.76 dictate performance goals around tangible, measurable objectives around number of workers trained and placed with productions.

Specific Goals of the Program:

- Enroll three cohorts of 12-15 students over the grant term
- Provide a minimum of 80 hours of instruction per cohort
- Retain 80% of students through the end of training

Other Information

NA.

B. Funding Information

This grant program is utilizing the Illinois Production Workforce Development Fund appropriated by the General Assembly, as outlined at 35 ILCS 16/46. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is $1,000,000. Of the $1,000,000, $500,000 is set-aside to award organizations that meet one of the statutory eligibility criteria explained in the Program Description and Eligible Applicants sections of this NOFO. Awards will range from $50,000 to $180,000 The Department expects to make 8 (eight) awards through this NOFO.

The period of performance is expected to be October 1, 2026 through June 15, 2027.

Grant award and Payment Terms: Successful applicants will be invited to negotiate a grant with the Department. The executed grant agreement will specify conditions for payment and a payment schedule. In general, grantee(s) will receive reimbursement payments and may be subject to proration, dependent upon the grantee meeting performance targets. Grantees may be eligible for a working capital advance to cover the first two months of the program.

Applicants must submit a project narrative that describes in detail how the award will be executed. The project narrative should include enough information for DCEO to understand the scope of the project, the budget, including a detailed breakdown of the costs associated with each budget line and any additional necessary detail to enable DCEO to manage the grant agreement activity against planned project performance. The Project Narrative must include evidence of capacity, quality and need as defined in Section E.1.

The release of this NOFO does not obligate the Department to make an award.

C. Eligibility Information

An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/, at the time of grant application. The portal will verify that the entity:

- Has a valid FEIN number (**https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/get-an-employer-identification-number**)
- Has a current SAM.gov registration (**https://sam.gov**). SAM.gov registrations must be marked as “public” to allow the GATA Grantee Portal to expedite the review of the federal information;
- Has a valid UEI number (**https://sam.gov**)
- Is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List (verified at **https://sam.gov**)
- Is in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable (**https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/business_services/corp.html**)
- Is not on the Illinois Stop Payment list (verified once entity is registered in GATA Grantee Portal); and
- Is not on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list (**https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/SanctionsList.aspx**)

Entities on the Illinois Stop Payment List and/or the Federal Excluded Parties List at time of application submission will not be considered for an award.

An automated email notification to the entity alerts them of “qualified” status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., not in good standing with the Secretary of State). A federal Debarred and Suspended status cannot be remediated.

At this time, federal memo M-21-20 allows entities to apply for grant awards without a valid UEI number. The UEI number must be obtained prior to grant execution. The State of Illinois has adopted this guidance for the issuance of state awards also.

Pursuant to the policy of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, to receive grant funds from the State of Illinois, a grantee must be considered a regarded entity by the IRS for federal income tax purposes. Disregarded entities will not be eligible to receive grant funds.

1. **Eligible Applicants include:**

1. Nonprofit Organizations;
2. Education Organizations;
3. For-Profit Organizations;

To qualify for an award from the fifty percent (50%) portion of the appropriated funds reserved for organizations meeting specific criteria, the organization also must satisfy at least one of the following criteria:

- Is a minority-owned business, as defined by the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act
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- At least 20% of the households in the area receive assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or
- The area has an average unemployment rate, as determined by the Illinois Department of Employment Security, that is more than 120% of the national unemployment average, as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, for a period of at least 2 consecutive calendar years preceding the date of the application.

The Department complies with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to: The Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.), The Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a-and 2000H-6), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), and The Age Discrimination Act (42 USC 6101 et seq.).

2. Cost Sharing or Matching.

The grant opportunity does not require cost sharing or matching.

3. Indirect Cost Rate.

In order to charge indirect costs to a grant, the applicant organization must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). There are three types of NICRAs:

a) Federally Negotiated Rate. Organizations that receive direct federal funding may have an indirect cost rate that was negotiated with the Federal Cognizant Agency. Illinois will accept the federally negotiated rate. The organization must provide a copy of the federally NICRA.

b) State Negotiated Rate. The organization may negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois if they do not have a Federally Negotiated Rate. If an organization has not previously established in indirect cost rate, an indirect cost rate proposal must be submitted through State of Illinois centralized indirect cost rate system no later than three months after receipt of a Notice of State Award (NOSA). If an organization previously established an indirect cost rate, the organization must annually submit a new indirect cost proposal through CARS within six to nine months after the close of the grantee's fiscal year, depending on the grantee's audit type requirements.

c) De Minimis Rate. An organization may elect a de minimis rate of 15% of modified total direct cost (MTDC). Once established, the De Minimis Rate may be used indefinitely. The State of Illinois must verify the calculation of the MTDC annually in order to accept the De Minimis Rate.

All grantees must complete an indirect cost rate negotiation or elect the De Minimis Rate to claim indirect costs. Indirect costs claimed without a negotiated rate or a De Minimis Rate election on record in the State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system may be subject to disallowance.

Grantees have discretion and can elect to waive payment for indirect costs. Grantees that elect to waive payments for indirect costs cannot be reimbursed for indirect costs. The organization must record an election to "Waive Indirect Costs" into the State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system.

The following State University Facilities & Administration Rate and Base will apply to all State issued awards that contain either Federal pass-through funding or State funding.

RATE:

20% Rate for awards or programs administered On-Campus*
10% Rate for awards or programs administered Off-Campus*

BASE:

Base approved in the State Universities' current Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)

*Criteria for utilization of the On/Off campus rate is located within the general terms and conditions of Federal NICRA for each State University. If not clearly defined, State awarding agencies and officers will make final determination based upon the purposes of the grant scope.

4. Freedom of Information Act/Confidential Information.

Applications and accompanying materials are subject to disclosure in response to requests received under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.). Information that could be proprietary, privileged, or confidential commercial or financial information should be clearly identified as such in the application materials. The Department will maintain the confidentiality of that information only to the extent permitted by law.

5. Other, if applicable.

Applicants can only submit a single application for this NOFO.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package.

Grant application forms are available at the web link provided in the "Grant Application Link" field of this announcement or by contacting the Program Manager:

Peter Hawley
Illinois Film Office
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
555 W. Monroe St.

Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60661
Tele: 312-515-9230
Email: **peter.hawley@illinois.gov**

2. Content and Form of Application Submission.

A standard application package must be submitted to and reviewed by DCEO. Each package must contain the following items:

☐ Uniform Grant Application in fillable PDF format.
- Signature page must be signed by the authorized signatory before submission
  - Can be printed, signed, and scanned
  - Can be signed digitally

☐ Uniform Budget utilizing the template provided by DCEO for this project.
- The entire Excel document with all the tabs included, even if the tabs are not relevant to the grant opportunity, must be submitted.
- Do not send a restricted version of the Uniform Budget.
- Certification page must be signed by the authorized signatory before submission
  - Can be printed, signed, and scanned
  - Can be signed digitally

☐ Conflict of Interest Disclosure.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure must be signed by the authorized signatory before submission
  - Can be printed, signed, and scanned
  - Can be signed digitally

☐ Mandatory Disclosure.
- Mandatory Disclosure must be signed by the authorized signatory before submission
  - Can be printed, signed, and scanned
  - Can be signed digitally

This opportunity also requires the following program-specific submissions:

☐ Program Application and attachments, as necessary.

Please note there is a maximum upload of 10 documents in the web form that you submit the application, so combining files may be necessary.

Failure to meet application criteria by the application deadline may result in the Department returning the application without review or may preclude the Department from making the award

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM).

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR 25.110(d)) is required to:

(i) Be registered in SAM. To establish a SAM registration, go to **https://sam.gov** and/or utilize this instructional link: How to Register in SAM from the **gata.illinois.gov** Resource Library tab. SAM.gov registrations must be "public."
(ii) Provide a valid UEI number in the GATA Grantee Portal registration.
(iii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan

under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. The State awarding agency may not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the State awarding agency is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the State awarding agency may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times.

Applications for this opportunity must be submitted by August 13th 2026 at 5:00 PM.

Application materials must be submitted to the Department via electronic form at **https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/4655a3eeb7084c15bb82b5493625e945**.

The Department is under no obligation to review applications that do not comply with the above requirements. Failure to meet the application deadline may result in the Department returning application without review or may preclude the Department from making the award.

5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable.

N/A.

6. Funding Restrictions.

This opportunity does not allow reimbursement of pre-award costs. Other restrictions can be found in Sections A., B., and C.

7. Other Submission Requirements.

Documents stored in Google Docs or other cloud-based servers are not allowed.

The applicant can receive a copy of their submitted application by checking the “Send me a copy of my responses” box at the bottom of the application submission form.

Applicants may confirm receipt of the application and documents by contacting the program contact listed in this NOFO.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria.

Grant proposals will be reviewed on a competitive basis. Each proposal will be scored on a 100-point scale (or on a percentage scale). The Department shall consider the following criteria when evaluating the application submittal: Need, Capacity, and Quality.

Need- Identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program's purpose	
The applicant clearly demonstrates the identified industry workforce needs and how the proposed program translates into the specific training opportunities using facts and data.	20

20- The applicant effectively illustrates how recognized workforce needs within the industry lead to its proposed training program. It also provides supporting facts and figures to justify the selection of specific training offerings. 15- The applicant illustrates how recognized workforce needs within the industry lead to its proposed training program and provides some general facts and figures to justify training offerings. 5- The applicant partially illustrates how recognized workforce needs within the industry lead to its proposed training program, but does not provide facts and figures to back up the decision of what training will be offered. 0- The program does not link to the needs of the industry, nor does it provide facts or figures to justify training offerings.	
Capacity- The ability of the applicant to execute the project according to the requirements of the grant program	
The applicant presents a staffing plan that clearly demonstrates sufficient personnel and capacity to administer the program effectively. 20- The applicant's staffing plan to administer the program is adequate and includes staff and capacity to administer the program effectively. 10- The applicant's staffing plan to administer the program is adequate, but does not include staff who have experience administering and/or training a similar program. 5- The applicant's staffing plan to administer the program is inadequate	15
Applicant demonstrates a verifiable history of administering workforce training programs. 10- The applicant has three or more years of experience administering workforce training programs. 5- The applicant has less than three years but more than a year's experience administering workforce training programs. 0- The applicant has no years of experience administering workforce training programs.	10
The applicant has a history of administering State of Illinois grants. 5- The applicant has three or more years' experience administering State of Illinois grants. 3- The applicant has less than three years but more than one year but less than three years of experience administering State of Illinois grants. 0- The applicant has no years of experience administering State of Illinois grants.	5
The applicant adequately demonstrates a plan to incorporate Film & TV production sustainability into their programming.	5

5- The applicant provides an adequate explanation of how it plans to incorporate Film & TV production sustainability into their programming. 0- The applicant does not provide an adequate plan or does not include a plan to incorporate sustainability.	
Quality- The totality of features and characteristics of the project that indicate its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program	
The program design demonstrates how program participants will receive an exceptional training experience, as demonstrated by the overview of their program, including curriculum, methodology, and structure. 20- The program design effectively demonstrates how program participants will receive an exceptional training experience, as demonstrated by the overview of their program, including curriculum, methodology, and structure. 10- The program design adequately demonstrates how program participants will receive adequate training experience with a general overview. 5- The program design fails to illustrate how program participants will receive an inadequate training experience and lacks specific details.	20
The budget of the proposed project adequately demonstrates how grant funds will be allocated. 10- The budget of the proposed project is comprehensive and includes and sufficient details to justify costs. 5- The budget of the proposed project is comprehensive and includes some details to justify costs. 0- The budget of the proposed project is not comprehensive and/or does not include details to justify costs.	10
The program plan provides an adequate explanation of how participants will be recruited and vetted, and how an adequate number of participants will be recruited for each cohort. 10- The program plan provides an adequate explanation of how participants will be recruited and vetted, and how an adequate number of participants will be recruited for each cohort. 0- The program plan does not provide an adequate explanation of how participants will be recruited and vetted, and how an adequate number of participants will be recruited for each cohort.	10
The applicant demonstrates that it has current relationships with Film and TV productions, which will result in placement of program participants. 5- The applicant demonstrates that it has current relationships with Film and TV productions, which will result in placement of program participants. 0- The applicant does not demonstrate that it has current relationships with Film and TV productions, which will result in placement of program participants.	5

2. Review and Selection Process.

Applications will be sorted into two pools: applications that identified in the program application as meeting at least one of the criteria for the $500,000 reserved funds and all other applications. Applications will be graded using the Merit Review Process and scored on the criteria specified in Section E.1. The Department will designate an Evaluation Committee to grade each application received for this funding opportunity. The final score of each Committee member will be calculated and an average of all scores will be the final applicant score. The pool of the applications that identified in the program application as meeting at least one of the criteria making them eligible for the $500,000 reserved funds will be awarded from the highest scoring application to the lowest scoring application until the $500,000 is awarded or the lowest applicant in this pool is funded, whichever comes first. The remaining applications will then be combined with the other applications and the remaining grant funds will be given out from the highest scoring application to the lowest scoring application until grant funds are awarded.

The Merit Based Review process is subject to appeal per **https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/meritappreview.html**. However, competitive grant appeals are limited to the evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. Only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. The appeal must be submitted through the merit review appeal request form (**https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/6444bed39ef140c589f002f53b9bc092**) within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published.

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.

After the application period is closed, the Department will conduct a merit based review of eligible applications. Successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to initiate the grant agreement phase. During this phase, you will be contacted by a grant manager to develop a grant agreement, which can be a months long process depending on complexity, cooperation, and conformity with all applicable federal and state laws.

The Department reserves the right to issue a reduced award, or not to issue any award.

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices.

The Notice of State Award (NOSA) will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments and the merit-based review process. The NOSA must be accepted in the GATA Portal by an authorized representative of the grantee organization. The NOSA is not an authorization to begin performance or incur costs.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

Subrecipients and Subcontractors: Agreement(s) and budget(s) with subrecipients and subcontractors must be pre-approved by and on file with DCEO. Agreements can be submitted to DCEO when available. Subcontractors and subrecipients are subject to all applicable provisions of the Agreement(s) executed between DCEO and the grantee. The successful applicant shall retain sole responsibility for the performance of its subrecipient(s) and/or subcontractor(s).

Grant Uniform Requirements: The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*) (and its related administrative rules, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000), was enacted to increase the accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source and to reduce administrative burdens on both State agencies and grantees by adopting federal guidance and regulations applicable to those grant funds; specifically, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200).

Procurement: Grantees will be required to adhere to methods of procurement per the Procurement Standards (2 CFR 200.317 – 2 CFR 200.327).

3. Reporting.

Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Report (PFR)
Grantees funded through this NOFO are required to submit in the format required by the Grantor, at least on a quarterly basis, the PPR and PFR electronically to their assigned grant manager. The first of such reports shall cover the first three months after the award begins. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.328, Periodic Financial Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.329, Periodic Performance Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Any additional reporting requirements will be disclosed in the NOSA. Grantees are required within 45 calendar days following the end of the period of performance to submit a final closeout report in the format required by the Grantor (*See* 2 CFR 200.344).

Monitoring
Grantees funded through this NOFO are subject to fiscal and programmatic monitoring visits by the Department in accordance with 2 CFR 200.337. They must have an open-door policy allowing periodic visits by Department monitors to evaluate the progress of the project and provide documentation upon request of the monitor. Program staff will also maintain contact with participants and monitor progress and performance of the contracts. The Department may modify grants based on performance.

Audit
Grantees shall be subject to Illinois' statewide Audit Report Review requirements. Terms of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507), Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules set forth under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act Admin Rules shall apply (See 44 IL Admin Code 7000.90).

Demographic Information Reporting
The successful grantees will be required to report on the number of students enrolled and demographics of the student body using the reporting template to ensure that 50% of each cohort must reside in an underserved area, as defined by the Economic Development for a Growing Economy ("EDGE") Tax Credit Act.

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Grant Help Desk
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Email: **CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov**

H. Other Information, if applicable

N/A.