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Virtual Session Scheduled for Businesses to Learn about Construction Opportunities with the State of Illinois

ROCKFORD, Ill. - The City of Rockford, in partnership with the State of Illinois' Capital Development Board (CDB), will be hosting a virtual outreach session PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS on Thursday, September 3, from 10 a.m. to noon. Partnering for Progress event virtually invites contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers and suppliers to come learn about construction opportunities with the State of Illinois. An interactive Q&A will follow the formal presentation. Minority, Women and Veteran owned enterprises are encouraged to attend. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about:

- Upcoming Projects
- Bidding Opportunities
- Prequalification/Contract requirements
- Suppliers
- MBE/WBE/VBE requirements

Governor Pritzker and Illinois General Assembly worked together to pass a major infrastructure improvement plan. CDB received \$9.6 billion dollars for vertical infrastructure projects in the 2019 Rebuild Illinois capital plan. The agency currently has nearly 600 active projects across design and construction, with many more on the way. Governor Pritzker and CDB have a strong commitment to diversity and inclusion through contracting and workforce goals. The CDB Fair Employment Practice's Office is an entire unit dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion of minority, female and veteran vendors and tradespersons.

The event is sponsored by City of Rockford Mayor Thomas McNamara, State Representative Maurice West, CDB Board Member Martesha Brown, the Workforce Connection and Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

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