



Make a Connection: **"Connecting Communities to Illinois Business Opportunities"**

An informational event and networking opportunity for business owners to learn the process in doing business with the State, connect with other professionals and gain access to State and local resources that promote the growth of small businesses and diversity inclusion.

August 18, 2015
9:00am to 1:30pm
South Suburban College
Main Campus
15800 S. State Street
South Holland, IL 60473

Register to attend:

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Hosted by:

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS)

In collaboration with:

**Sen. Emil Jones III, Sen. Michael Hastings, Rep. William Davis,
Rep. Marcus Evans, Jr., Rep. Al Riley, Rep. Anthony DeLuca, Rep. Elgie Sims, Jr.,
Rep. Robert Rita and Rep. Thaddeus Jones**

Event Agenda:

9:00am - 9:30am
Registration

9:30am - 9:45am
Welcome Remarks

9:45am - 10:30am
Business Enterprise Program (BEP)
Certification for minority, women, persons with disabilities and Veteran business owners

10:30am - 11:15am
Bureau of Strategic Sourcing (BOSS)
State Agencies' Buying Process

11:15am - 11:30am
Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)
Guidance in government contracting and certification assistance

11:30am - 1:30pm
Networking Session

- This event is open to the public at no cost
- Light refreshments will be served
- Parking is available at venue parking lot