

M E M O R A N D U M

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TO: All Members of the Commission

FROM: Deanna Hannel, Audit Analyst

RE: Emergency Purchases, Fourth Quarter FY25

The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/) states, "It is declared to be the policy of the State that the principles of competitive bidding and economical procurement practices shall be applicable to all purchases and contracts...." The law also recognizes that there will be emergency situations when it will be impossible to conduct bidding. It provides a general exemption when there exists a threat to public health or public safety, or when immediate expenditure is necessary for repairs to State property in order to protect against further loss of or damage to State Property, to prevent or minimize serious disruption in critical State services that affect health, safety, or collection of substantial State revenues, or to ensure the integrity of State records; provided, however that the term of the emergency purchase shall not exceed 90 days. A contract may be extended beyond 90 days if the chief procurement officer determines additional time is necessary and that the contract scope and duration are limited to the emergency. Prior to the execution of the extension, the chief procurement officer must hold a public hearing and provide written justification for all emergency contracts. Members of the public may present testimony.

Notice of all emergency procurement shall be provided to the Procurement Policy Board and published in the online electronic Bulletin no later than 5 calendar days after the contract is awarded. Notice of intent to extend an emergency contract shall be provided to the Procurement Policy Board and published in the online electronic Bulletin at least 14 days before the public hearing.

A chief procurement officer making such emergency purchases is required to file an affidavit with the Procurement Policy Board and the Auditor General to set forth the circumstances requiring the emergency purchases. The Code allows for quick purchases. The Legislative Audit Commission receives quarterly reports of all emergency purchases from the Office of the Auditor General. The Legislative Audit Commission is directed to review the purchases and to comment on abuses of the exemption.

There were 107 Emergency Purchase Affidavits that were filed with the Auditor General for the period of April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025. Of those 107, 54 were new Emergency Purchase Affidavits, and 53 were revisions to prior Emergency Purchase Affidavits noting actual cost, updated cost, or time extension.

	Purchases	Estimated/Updated Cost
State Appropriated Funding	34	\$ 18,071,066.08
Federal Funding	4	\$ 1,097,944.42
State Grant Funds	0	
State Appropriated Funds & State Grant Funds	0	
All Other Funding	16	\$ 12,278,865.00
Total	54	\$ 31,447,875.50

**Summary of ALL Emergency Purchase Transactions
April 1, 2025 through June 20, 2025**

The table below includes 22 purchases that are estimated to exceed \$250,000. The table below breaks down those 22 by entity. Those are summarized on the following pages by the categories in the table above.

Counts of Greater than \$250,000 by Entity		Estimated/Updated Cost
CODE DEPARTMENTS		
Department of Agriculture	2	\$ 700,000.00
Department of Corrections	1	\$ 6,000,000.00
Department of Innovation and Technology	1	\$ 688,055.75
Department of Lottery	1	\$ 357,556.60
Department of Public Health	3	\$ 1,509,065.71
Department of Transportation	2	\$ 4,700,000.00
Illinois State Police	1	\$ 433,028.16
OTHER DEPARTMENTS		
Capital Development Board	6	\$ 8,163,410.00
Illinois Finance Authority	1	\$ 500,000.00
State Toll Highway Authority	1	\$ 2,000,000.00
HIGHER EDUCATION		
Illinois State University	2	\$ 1,663,365.00
U of I - Chicago	1	\$ 975,000.00
Total Count of Greater than \$250,000	22	\$ 27,689,481.22

**State Appropriated Emergency Purchase Transactions
April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025**

Counts of Greater than \$250,000 by Entity		Estimated/Updated Cost
Code Departments		
Department of Innovation and Technology	1	\$ 688,055.75
Department of Lottery	1	\$ 357,556.60
Department of Public Health	1	\$ 518,938.96
Department of Transportation	2	\$ 4,700,000.00
Illinois State Police	1	\$ 433,028.16
Other Agencies		
Capital Development Board	6	\$ 8,163,410.00
Higher Education		
University of Illinois - Chicago	1	\$ 975,000.00
Total Count of Greater than \$250,000	13	\$15,835,989.47

The table above includes 13 purchases that are estimated to exceed \$250,000. They are summarized as follows:

Department of Innovation and Technology

Estimated Cost - \$688,055.75 The vendor, Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc., already has required security clearances to enter locations. They will install, move, add, and change requests and maintenance services for Illinois' remaining analog phone systems. This includes warranty, replacement and move, add and change requests.

Department of Lottery

Estimated Cost - \$357,556.60 The Department of Lottery needed to do a quick purchase due to recent wrecks and damages. Two vehicles were totaled and another damaged due to a hit and run. Therefore, the agency would not be able to provide sales representatives with working vehicles in order to do their daily tasks which includes travel throughout the State. The vendor, Freedom Chevrolet, was able to provide the Department with 8 Chrysler Pacifica's.

Department of Public Health

Estimated Cost - \$518,938.96 The Department is seeking assistant to sustain a service agreement for the administrative and logistical management of the State's ventilator device and supply cache. The goal will ensure that all ventilator units in the State's cache are maintained to meet the manufacturer's standards, thereby guaranteeing their readiness for deployment during emergency operations across Illinois. The vendor, Agiliti Health, has held the service agreement for one year and is thoroughly familiar with the condition of the ventilators and the required repairs.

Department of Transportation

Estimated Cost - \$450,000 The vendor, Kinney Contractors Inc., will perform emergency Interstate repairs on I-55 near mile marker 130 in Logan County, including pavement removal and replacement as well as drainage improvements including removal and replacement of underdrains and underdrain outlets.

Estimated Cost - \$4,250,000 The vendor, Keller Construction, Inc., will install a retaining wall with tie-backs, restore the failed slope and wing wall and provide all needed additional work plus traffic control to complete the needed repairs safely and in a timely manner.

Illinois State Police

Estimated Cost - \$433,028.16 The ISP Training Academy is a residential, law enforcement training facility and an integral part of the operation is dependent upon food service. During training, officers are engaged in strenuous physical training endeavors as well as an intensive study program. The vendor, Arena Food Services, is the current contractor for onsite food service vendor. ISP is seeking to secure an emergency three-month procurement for food service contract until a new contract can be established.

Capital Development Board

Estimated Cost - \$500,000 The Department requested Emergency Services at Starved Rock State Park. Immediate expenditure is necessary to pump sewage from the clarifier and replace failed valves and drift shaft bearing at the Starved Rock Sewage Plant Clarifier. Without a functioning sewage clarifier, sewage from the Starved Rock State Park Visitor's Center, Conference Center, and other facilities will overflow directly into the Illinois River. The Emergency Purchase provides expedited construction services as quickly as possible to shorten the vulnerability of potential sewage overflow.

Estimated Cost - \$250,000 The Logan Correctional Center has become increasingly unreliable, failing to provide a consistent and sufficient supply of steam heat and energy throughout the facility. This has resulted in extreme temperature fluctuations in housing units and staff offices, as well as, an inability to properly regulate water temperatures for essential functions such as personal hygiene, dietary operations, and laundry services. The vendor, Henneman Engineering, Inc., will provide emergency design services and assistance and installation of a boiler unit, the purchase and installation of a Propane Boiler to provide redundancy to the heating system and the rental and any necessary hook up of a diesel boiler to reduce the workload of the current propane boiler unit.

Estimated Cost - \$4,000,000 Southern Illinois University School of Medicine has a York Chiller #4 within the Penthouse of Building 825, Springfield Combined Lab, is no longer operating and has obsolete parts that can no longer be fabricated for repair. The original piece is approx. 40 years old. Additionally, the remaining York Chiller #3, associated with cooling towers and ancillary equipment were determined "beyond useful life" and are failing or will fail in the near future. (Chiller #3 work has been including in FY22-26 submissions for annual funding) The vendor, Henson Robinson Company, will remove and replace two centrifugal liquid chillers in the penthouse mechanical room, four rooftop cooling towers including structural supports, nine associated primary, secondary and

condensing water pumps, three variable frequency drives, any necessary piping modifications and associated electrical and control works. The work will require the removal and replacement of a portion of the existing exterior masonry wall of the penthouse to provide necessary access for removal and installation of equipment. The scope shall also include provisions for a temporary chiller while the work is being completed.

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Estimated Cost \$1,078,410 The DOC has sink holes that formed at the North side of the East Moline Correctional Facility, creating a threat to the security fencing, and potential damage to adjacent parking lot structure. The vendor, Miller Trucking & Excavating Company, will improve drainage systems at the East Moline Correctional Center. The upgrades will focus on key areas such as storm sewers, curbs, replacement of security fence with lighting, embankments, and erosion control to prevent flooding issues and protecting the infrastructure at the facility.

Estimated Cost \$1,835,000 Malcolm X College consists of an eight-story central tower with four-story extensions to the north, northwest and west. Currently, five traction elevators and one hydraulic elevator are inoperable, but not code compliant. The vendor, Parkway Elevators, Inc., will provide services to make the current operational elevator cars under permit arrangements code compliant, and repair the currently shut down elevator to expedite the work in the other elevators.

University of Illinois – Chicago

Estimated Cost \$975,000 The vendor, MindPower/Staffing Team Inc., is providing temporary staffing for UIC and UI Health HR already under an Emergency Purchase that will expire on March 30, 2025. These temporary employees provided clinical and non - clinical support in areas with staffing shortages, open positions or have been hired due to a critical, short-term need.

Federal Appropriated Funds Emergency Purchase Transactions
April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Counts of Greater than \$250,000 by Entity	Estimated/Updated Cost
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Code Departments		
Department of Public Health	1	\$696,126.75
Total Count of Greater than \$250,000	1	\$696,126.75

The table above includes two (2) purchases that was estimated to exceed \$250,000. They are summarized as follows:

Department of Public Health

Actual Cost \$696,126.75 The vendor, Groupware Technologies, Inc., will provide Enterprise software that is an integrated database utilized by the IDPH HIV/AIDS Section for monitoring HIV incidence and prevalence, administering prevention and treatment activities, and managing comprehensive client data. It also provides crucial supporting services like secure server hosting, business continuity, and essential interfaces with various healthcare providers, pharmacies, and EMR systems.

Other Funded Emergency Purchase Transactions
April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025

Counts of Greater than \$250,000 by Entity		Estimated/Updated Cost
Code Agencies		
Department of Agriculture	2	\$ 700,000.00
Department of of Corrections	1	\$ 6,000,000.00
Department of Public Health	1	\$ 294,000.00
Other Agencies		
Illinois Finance Authority	1	\$ 500,000.00
State Toll Highway Authority	1	\$ 2,000,000.00
Higher Education		
Illinois State University	2	\$ 1,663,365.00
Total Count of Greater than \$250,000	8	\$ 11,157,365.00

The table above includes eight (8) purchases that is estimated to exceed \$250,000. It is summarized as follows:

Department of Agriculture

Estimated Cost \$350,000 The vendor, National Ambus Inc, will have the exclusive privilege and rights to pour and distribute alcohol beverages at State Fair Grandstand Building and Multipurpose Arena on the Illinois fairgrounds during the 11-day fair. The hours of operation will be from 12 pm – midnight. All the alcohol pouring areas will open and close at that time, unless is differently specified by the agency. The vendor will follow all laws and not sell any alcohol beverage to people under 21, while at the same time

monitoring that people under 21 do not enter the tent, unless accompanied by their parents. Vendor will have to pay the Illinois Department of Agriculture, a percentage made by the alcohol sales.

Estimated Cost \$ 350,000 The vendor, Combined Veterans Associate of Illinois, will have the exclusive privilege and rights to pour and distribute alcohol beverages at the tents, such as the Village of Cultures and Reisch Pavilion on the Illinois Fairgrounds during the 11-day fair. First tent is located near the coliseum, between the Central Ave and Illinois Avenue; second tent is north of the commodities Pavilion with its entrance off Grandstand Avenue; and the third tent is southwest of Commodities Pavilion with its entrance of the Avenue Flags. The hours of operation will be from 12 pm – midnight. All the alcohol pouring areas will open and close at that time, unless is differently specified by the agency. The vendor will follow all laws and not sell any alcohol beverage to people under 21, while at the same time monitoring that people under 21 do not enter the tent, unless accompanied by their parents. Vendor will have to pay the Illinois Department of Agriculture, a percentage made by the alcohol sales.

Department of Corrections

Estimated \$6,000,000 This is a zero-dollar contract. The vendor, Performance Food Group, will provide approved commissary items that will allow for the continued sales of food, clothing, health/beauty, sundries and electronics to individuals in custody and Correctional Facility Employees. The short-term nature of the current purchasing cycle does not allow vendors to secure reliable supply chains or establish partnerships with BEP certified businesses. Vendors provide new pricing every 4 to 6 weeks and must respond quickly to shifting product availability. Without long-term volume commitments, it is not practical for the vendors to formalize subcontractor relationships or guarantee consistent opportunities for BEP participation.

Department of Public Health

Estimated \$294,000 The vendor, VitalChek Network, Inc., offers online ordering that includes an identity authentication mechanism, expedited delivery, and the ability to pay for records by credit card. Not provided by the Division of Vital Records, these services will be available to customers willing to pay an associated Vendor fee. The convenience and timeliness of ordering through VitalChek obviates customers having to travel to obtain records or to wait 8-12 weeks for the IDPH to process the order via mail.

Illinois Finance Authority

Estimated Cost \$500,000 IFA routinely receives time sensitive referrals for potential economic development finance projects supporting its statutory inclusive economic development mission. These referrals are generally fast turnaround. The vendor, Loop Capital, LLC., will provide services needed to ensure IFA is positioned to respond to time-sensitive requests in an uncertain market.

State Toll Highway Authority

Estimated Cost \$2,000,000 The vendor, Lorig Construction Company, will perform structural repairs, including bridge beam replacement; removal and replacement of bridge deck and pavement, parapets, and raised median, pavement marking, and maintenance of traffic, including temporary concrete barrier. The underside of the Illinois Route 83 bridge over I-88 was struck by a construction excavator being hauled by a truck/trailer traveling westbound on I-88. The impact caused severe damage to the bridge, resulting in lane closures on IL 83 and I-88.

Illinois State University

Estimated Cost \$727,860 ISU had recent structural evaluations and an increased frequency in interior damage caused by water intrusion. The project will improve the integrity of the building exterior to include sealants and associated infrastructure to make the building more water tight. The vendor, Western Waterproofing Company, will replace the exterior pre-cast concrete panel to panel sealants and panel to window sealants along with a water repellent application.

Estimated Cost \$935,505 The vendor, River City Construction, will complete the removal of the existing 5th floor ceilings, lighting and mechanical diffusers and portions of the 4th floor, to gain access to the roof drain system. The roof drain system, including the roof drain bodies and associated piping will be replaced following by the installation of a new acoustical ceiling system, lighting and mechanical diffusers. *Note not able to read the remaining items to be done due to EP not entered correctly.