

# LETTING YOU KNOW

*The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects that we believe will be of interest to you.*

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## **Illinois Works Jobs Program Act and Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative**

The Illinois Works Jobs Program Act ([30 ILCS 559/20](#)) is a statewide initiative to ensure that all Illinois residents have access to State capital projects and careers in the construction industry and building trades and to provide contracting and employment opportunities to historically underrepresented populations in the construction industry. The Act accomplishes this through three programs: the Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative, the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program, and the Illinois Works Bid Credit Program.

Beginning with the June 11, 2021 Letting, the [Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative](#) (one of the three programs under the Act) will be a requirement on all contracts having a total cost of \$500,000 or higher.

For federally funded contracts, the Apprenticeship Initiative language can be found in the federal “Training Special Provisions”; and it will be implemented using the FHWA approved OJT procedures.

For state only funded contracts, the Apprenticeship Initiative language can be found in the “Illinois Works Apprenticeship Initiative – State Funded Contracts” special provision; and the apprenticeship goal will be 10% of the total labor hours actually worked in each prevailing wage classification or 10% of the estimated labor hours in each prevailing wage classification, whichever is less.

**STAY INFORMED!**

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and the IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.



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