



October 7, 2011

Join us on November 16, 2011 for the CMS Business Diversity Summit hosted by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) at the Illinois Institute of Technology, 3241 South Federal St. Chicago, Illinois.

The Summit will educate and engage communities on the services CMS provides for Illinois businesses. As Acting Director of CMS, one of my primary goals is to promote equal economic opportunity and diversity inclusion through the statewide services we provide. Increased community outreach is critical to fulfilling this mission.

The Summit will commence with registration at 8:30 a.m., followed by a presentation of CMS's vision for fostering partnership with all stakeholders. At 10:30 a.m., a panel of CMS Deputy Directors and business representatives will engage attendees in a Q&A session, followed by an open networking session, during which attendees can learn from State agency representatives how to do business with the State. The Summit will conclude by 1:00 p.m. Attendees will include business leaders, chambers of commerce, government and assist agencies, State legislators, and public officials.

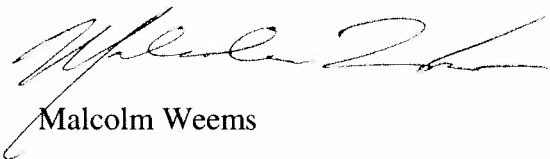
The Summit will provide an opportunity to network with other business professionals and to meet representatives from multiple State agencies, including: the Capital Development Board, the Illinois Departments of Transportation, Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Healthcare and Family Services, Human Services, Corrections, and Veterans Affairs. Valuable information will be provided on their respective vendor certification programs and updates to the procurement process.

CMS staff members will also be available to discuss CMS's own Business Enterprise Program (BEP) for Minority-, Women- and Persons with Disabilities-owned Businesses, as well as procurement rules regarding minority contracting, veteran's preference in contracting, and state employment.

**For additional information and to register for the CMS Business Diversity Summit, visit us online at [www.illinois.gov/cmssummit](http://www.illinois.gov/cmssummit).**

**We look forward to you participating in this premier event!**

Sincerely,



Malcolm Weems