



REMINDER

SAVE THE DATE

Date	Where	Time	Facility Address
Wednesday December 14, 2011	Chicago	11:30 AM-TBD	Woodson Regional Public Library 9525 South Halsted (Auditorium) Chicago, IL 60628
Thursday December 15, 2011	Peoria	11:30 AM-TBD	The Gateway Building 200 Northeast Water Street (Rooms 201 and 202) Peoria, IL 61602
Friday December 16, 2011	East St. Louis	11:30 AM- TBD	East St. Louis Public Library 5300 State Street (Auditorium) East St. Louis, IL 62203

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is conducting Target Market Public Meetings to gather testimony for the Target Market Program and a new initiative to assist Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) obtain bonding and/or financing necessary to qualify for IDOT construction contracts.

At each public meeting:

- IDOT will provide status on the Target Market Program and solicit public testimony from contractors. The Target Market Program was established to increase contract participation opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses.
- IDOT will announce the creation of a new bonding/finance initiative designed to address specific DBE financial needs and provide additional contract participation opportunities.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- If you are unable to attend and wish to provide testimony, please forward written comments via email to Director Frank McNeil at frank.w.mcneil@illinois.gov. Comments must be received by close of business on **December 21, 2011**.
- The meetings will begin **promptly** at 11:30am and held in disabled friendly facilities. American Sign and Spanish Language interpreters will be present. Should you require other special accommodations please contact **David Dailey** at (217) 557-5900.