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HACIA SUPPORTS VOLUNTARY REPORTING GOALS FOR UTILITIES

Governor Pat Quinn signs Bill supported by HACIA

Chicago, Ill. – The Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) would like to congratulate Governor Quinn on signing the Voluntary Reporting Goals for Utilities Bill: SB2526.

HACIA backs the bill because it will require all Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)-regulated utility companies to provide an annual report indicating procurement goals and actual spending on small businesses and enterprises owned by minorities, women and veterans.

“We are pleased Governor Quinn has signed this bill and it’s moving forward,” said Jorge J. Perez, Executive Director of HACIA. “Utilities have always had opportunities for our members. We look forward to continue working with them and Governor Quinn’s administration on the implementation of this bill.”

HACIA Board President and President of DesignBridge, Ltd. Victor Ignacio Dziekiewicz said this was another important step in recognizing the diversity of this state and the diversity of this country. “We are working together with the governor and legislature to really make an impact on this recognition and the ability for small and minority businesses to share what the state supports.”

Governor Quinn signed the bill today at the State of Illinois Building. Each year, ICC-regulated utilities spend billions of dollars on contractors and supplies. However, of the 52 utilities regulated by the ICC, only 10 publicly state any diversity procurement and contracting initiatives. Those 10 do not indicate how they are doing on meeting those goals.

Founded in 1979 as an advocacy organization, HACIA represents more than 300 companies that include everything from professional service firms to construction related businesses, collectively employing approximately 7,000 workers with an annual economic impact of over \$400 million. HACIA also provides ongoing comprehensive business management assistance services and training to its members.

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