



ACCOUNTING BULLETIN

TO: Fiscal Officers of All State Agencies
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As a follow up to Accounting Bulletin #98, the Illinois Office of the Comptroller has developed recommended language for the debt certification required by Public Act 92-0404. Public Act 92-0404 amends the Illinois Procurement Code to require, "Every bid submitted to and contract executed by the State shall contain a certification by the bidder or contractor that the contractor is not barred from being awarded a contract under this Section and that the contractor acknowledges that the contracting State agency may declare the contract void if the certification completed pursuant to this subsection (b) is false." (30 ILCS 500/50-11) The following is the IOC's recommended language to be included in every contract or bid under the Procurement Code:

The contractor or bidder certifies that they are not barred from being awarded a contract under 30 ILCS 500. Section 50-11 prohibits a person from entering into a contract with a State agency if they know or should know that they are delinquent in the payment of any debt to the State as defined by the Debt Collection Board. The contractor further acknowledges that the contracting State agency may declare the contract void if this certification is false or if the contractor is determined to be delinquent in the payment of any debt during the term of the contract.

The IOC is also developing a new SAMS screen to allow access for agencies as required by the amendment to 30 ILCS 210/5 Sec 5 (f), "to determine if any State agency is attempting to collect debt from a contractor, bidder, or other proposed contracting party." The tentative date for the implementation of the new screen is 7/01/02. The IOC also plans to develop a tape with the same data elements for agencies that are planning an automated solution.

The Debt Collection Board has submitted administrative rules for the implementation of this Act to JCAR for review and adoption.

If you have any questions pertaining to this bulletin, please contact Paula Kitchen at (217) 782-3608. Agencies may access this and other Payroll, SAMS and Accounting Bulletins on the Comptroller's website at www.ioc.state.il.us under Reference Library.