



Request for Cure

Pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/50-57, the Chief Procurement Officer for General Services may, at the request of the State Purchasing Officer and agency head, permit a cure during an active procurement if a violation or deficiency of the Procurement Code, or of the procurement rules, regulations, policies, or practices promulgated by a chief procurement officer occurs.

Instructions for Submission: Complete sections 1-3. The State Purchasing Officer should provide the "Request for Cure" form to the Chief Procurement Officer with documentation as needed to support the request.

1. Procurement Deficiency

1.1 State Agency Name

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

1.2 BidBuy Reference Number

25-422DNR-DIREC-B-47087

1.3 Date Agency notified SPO of the violation or deficiency

4/8/2025

1.4 Provide a clear description of the violation or deficiency, including reference to the statute, rule, regulation, CPO Notice, or practice lacking compliance.

IDNR published an IFB on 3/24/2025 for a revenue generating farm lease at Johnson Sauk State Park to allow the awarded vendor to farm 118.20 acres for the 2025 season with the contract end date to be 2/28/2026. The total estimated value of this contract is \$106,115.10. The contract was to be awarded to the responsive and responsible vendor with the highest price per acre. 3 Bids were received, however none of the vendors would be responsive. The highest priced vendor would be non-responsive due to a violation of 30 IL 500/20-160, Not being registered with the Board of Elections.

2. Justification to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a detailed explanation why the benefits of permitting a cure outweigh the potential harm to stakeholders.

By allowing the highest priced vendor to register in the Illinois Board of Elections the integrity of the Bid would be intact. If no cure is allowed, the agency would have to put out a new solicitation. Due to the time of year and the farming season starting, there is concern that another posting period and protest period would delay farming operations by more than a month. Further delays may also affect pricing farmers are willing to pay, since the time they have access to the fields would be further delayed. There is also concern by IDNR that there would be an increased expense to the Department to properly maintain the site using Best Management Practices for agriculture and wildlife management, if a vendor isn't awarded. Revenues generated from this lease help offset cost to manage recreational opportunities. Loss of revenue to the Agency could be potentially \$16,075.20 which would increase the cost to the State and the taxpayers. The next highest priced vendor was also not registered with the Board of Elections and would require a cure. The third highest vendor's submission did not conform in all material respects to the invitation for bid and would require a cure.

3. Recommended Action Necessary to Cure the Violation or Deficiency

Provide a clear description of the action necessary to cure the violation or deficiency, including the party(ies) that will undertake the action and the time frame to complete each action.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is requesting for the highest priced vendor to be allowed to register with the Illinois Board of Elections. IDNR feels that a 3 day time allowance for the Vendors to complete this registration process would be sufficient.

4. Agency Head and State Purchasing Officer Attestation



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The agency head (designee not permitted) and State Purchasing Officer (SPO) individually attest: "I believe the integrity, transparency, and efficiency of the procurement can be maintained while permitting the cure."

Agency Head Name	<u>Natalie Finnie</u>	Date	<u>4/22/25</u>
Agency Head Signature	<u>Natalie Finnie</u>		
SPO Name	<u>Robert Brice</u>	Date	<u>4/22/25</u>
SPO Signature	<u>Robert Brice</u>		

5. Required Action to Cure or Rationale for Denying the Cure Request

Allows highest vendor to register with Board of Electins within 3 business days from April 24, 2025.

6. Chief Procurement Officer for General Services Determination

6.1 ☒ I authorize curing the violation or deficiency when following the action in section 5.

6.2 ☐ I deny the request to cure the violation or deficiency in subsection 1.4 based on the rationale in section 5.

Ellen H. Daley Signature	<u>E H Daley</u>	Date	<u>4/24/2025</u>
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