

## Notice 2019.06 General Services

To: Agency Procurement Staff
Central Management Services Bureau of Strategic Sourcing State Purchasing Officers
From: Ellen H. Daley
Date: December 26, 2018
Subject: Small Business Set-Asides for IT Consulting
CC: Procurement Compliance Monitors
Procurement Policy Board

This notice is effective immediately. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 45-45(a) of the Illinois Procurement Code, I designate NIGP codes 918-71, 918-28, 918-29, and 918-30 as set-aside for Small Business Set-Aside Program (SBSP) vendors for procurements with a value between \$2,000 and two million dollars (\$2,000,000).

These four NIGP codes represent the following Information Technology (IT) services:

- 918-71 IT Consulting
- 918-28 Computer Hardware Consulting
- 918-29 Computer Software Consulting
- 918-30 Computer Network Consulting

CPO Notice 2015.01 designated consulting contracts up to \$2 million and identified with NIGP codes 918-71, 918-28, 918-29, and 918-30 as set-aside for SBSP vendors. CPO Notice 2018.10 designated SBSP set-aside contracts to begin at \$2,000. Contracts identified with set-aside codes and below \$2,000 are not set-aside for SBSP vendors. CPO Notice 2019.03 rescinded CPO Notice 2015.01 and inadvertently removed the \$2 million cap on the four IT codes. This notice restores the cap.

The use of SBSP set-asides is an important tool for increasing state contracting with Illinois' small business owners. When agencies purchase from SBSP vendors, they are keeping tax dollars in local economies longer than when purchasing from out-of-state vendors; supporting small business growth will lead to the state's economic growth. Small businesses create two of every three new jobs in the private sector and one in two Illinoisans owns or works for a small business.

If there are any questions regarding this notice, please ask your State Purchasing Officer or contact the Chief Procurement Office at (217) 558-2231.

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