



Procurement Reference Number

78708

Title of Procurement

Traffic signal repair contract. See attachment.

(30 ILCS 500/50-60)

Section 50-60 of the Procurement Code provides that if any contract or amendment thereto is entered into or purchase of expenditure of funds is made at any time in violation of this Code or any other law, the contract or amendment thereto may be declared void by the chief procurement office or may be ratified and affirmed, provided the chief procurement officer determines that ratification is in the best interests of the State.

Please attach additional pages if necessary.

The SPO has determined that this section of the Procurement Code or other law was violated.

Pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code 50-60(a), the Department is requesting the contract listed above be ratified. In discussion and request by the Chief Procurement Office (CPO) for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) construction, it has come to IDOT's attention that Contract Obligation Documents (COD) were filed by IDOT district offices to increase the amount on the contracts without execution of change orders/ amendments or approval by the CPO. These change orders are germane to the contract and approving the ratification of change order is in the best interest of the State as the vendors performed the work.
 See 720 ILCS 5/33E-9

What steps has the Department taken to prevent further occurrences of this violation?

As part of the ratification request, IDOT in cooperation with the CPO's office, conducted trainings in district offices to train district procurement and contracting staff on the proper procurement process to be used on change orders/amendments and any other procurement actions. District staff have been trained and counseled and are fully tracking contract expenditures..

What were the circumstances that caused this violation of the Code or Rules?

Lack of knowledge and training in procurement and contract administration. Confusion among procurement staff on requirements of the procurement code, and requirements of the comptrollers office.

What impact would there be on the State if the ratification is denied?

The vendor, who provided satisfactory services, would not be paid. Vendor will be paid from the Motorist Caused Highway Damage Fund (MCHDF) which has been established to pay vendor repair expenses for damages caused by third-party motoring public. Failure to pay the vendor for satisfactory work will create a financial hardship for vendor and may cause the vendor to cease doing business with the Department.

Agency Procurement Officer Signature

Date

Megan [Signature]

6/20/23

Secretary of Transportation Signature

Date

Arma, Jr [Signature]

6/30/23

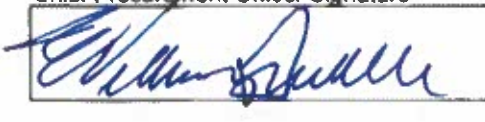

CPO Determination and Signature

- I determine that ratification is the best interest of the State and approve this request.
- I deny this request.

CPO Comments

Chief Procurement Officer Signature

Date

	
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