

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Illinois Global Partnership Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
7 context requires otherwise:

8 "Board" means the board of directors of Illinois Global
9 Partnership, Inc.

10 "IGP" or "Partnership" means Illinois Global Partnership,
11 Inc., the not-for-profit entity incorporated as provided in
12 this Act.

13 Section 10. Findings; purpose. The General Assembly finds
14 that it is important to encourage international business
15 developments for Illinois companies and to encourage
16 international tourism in Illinois by creating partnerships
17 that open markets, by accessing customers, and by facilitating
18 transactions. Therefore, the purpose of the Illinois Global
19 Partnership, Inc., is to build Illinois' profile as a region
20 prepared to do business with the world and as a world tourism
21 destination. The Partnership shall encourage international
22 business development for Illinois companies and international
23 tourism by affecting policy and creating partnerships that open
24 markets, access customers, and facilitate transactions.

25 Section 15. Partnership established. A not-for-profit
26 corporation to be known as "Illinois Global Partnership, Inc."
27 is created. IGP shall be incorporated under the General Not for
28 Profit Corporation Act of 1986 and shall be registered,
29 incorporated, organized, and operated in compliance with the
30 laws of this State. IGP shall not be a State agency. The

1 General Assembly determines, however, that public policy
2 dictates that IGP operate in the most open and accessible
3 manner consistent with its public purpose. To this end, the
4 General Assembly specifically declares that IGP and its board
5 and advisory committee shall adopt and adhere to the provisions
6 of the State Records Act, the Open Meetings Act, and the
7 Freedom of Information Act.

8 IGP shall establish one or more corporate offices, at least
9 one of which shall be located in Sangamon County.

10 Section 20. Board of directors. IGP shall be governed by a
11 board of directors. The IGP board of directors shall consist of
12 13 members. Five of the members shall be voting members
13 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the
14 Senate. The Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of
15 Representatives, the President and Minority Leader of the
16 Senate, the Lieutenant Governor, the Director of Agriculture,
17 the Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the
18 Director of the Illinois Finance Authority, or the designee of
19 each, shall be non-voting ex officio members.

20 Of the members appointed by the Governor, one member must
21 have a background in agriculture, one member must have a
22 background in manufacturing, and one member must have a
23 background in international business relations.

24 Of the initial members appointed by the Governor, 3 members
25 shall serve 4-year terms and 2 members shall serve 2-year terms
26 as designated by the Governor. Thereafter, members appointed by
27 the Governor shall serve 4-year terms. A vacancy among members
28 appointed by the Governor shall be filled by appointment by the
29 Governor for the remainder of the vacated term.

30 Members of the board shall receive no compensation but
31 shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of
32 their duties.

33 The Governor shall designate the chairman of the board
34 until a successor is designated. The board shall meet at the
35 call of the chair.

1 Section 25. Powers of IGP. IGP has the power to:

2 (1) Host monthly leadership forums to give small groups
3 of top business leaders the ability to interact with top
4 federal, State, and local governmental officials.

5 (2) Manage trips to Washington, D.C., for key business
6 leaders, giving this group exposure to top policy makers in
7 the federal administration and Congress.

8 (3) Manage trips to the State for members of Congress
9 and their staffs, giving this group exposure to Illinois
10 businesses, research facilities, and other statewide
11 highlights.

12 (4) Host monthly trade missions from international
13 companies, introducing these influential travelers to key
14 leaders at Illinois businesses for the expressed purpose of
15 building partnerships with suppliers and customers.

16 (5) Manage trips to other states and foreign countries
17 for Illinois business leaders to give them and their
18 respective companies exposure to new and expanding
19 markets.

20 (6) Manage meetings with prospective partners to
21 discuss products, markets, pricing, and other elements of
22 the transaction.

23 (7) Attract international participation in high
24 profile Illinois projects.

25 (8) Make recommendations to the Governor and the
26 members of the General Assembly concerning the role the
27 State performs in international business development.

28 (9) Assist Illinois businesses to engage in, expand,
29 and increase foreign trade.

30 (10) Establish or co-sponsor mentoring conferences,
31 using experienced manufacturing exporters, to explain and
32 provide information to prospective export manufacturers
33 and businesses concerning the process of exporting to both
34 domestic and international opportunities.

35 (11) Provide technical assistance to prospective

1 export manufacturers and businesses seeking to establish
2 domestic and international export opportunities.

3 (12) Coordinate with the Department of Commerce and
4 Economic Opportunity's Small Business Development Centers
5 to link buyers with prospective export manufacturers and
6 businesses.

7 (13) Promote, both domestically and abroad, products
8 made in Illinois in order to inform consumers and buyers of
9 their high quality standards and craftsmanship.

10 (14) Develop an electronic data base to compile
11 information on international trade and investment
12 activities in Illinois companies, provide access to
13 research and business opportunities through external data
14 bases, and connect this data base through international
15 communication systems with appropriate domestic and
16 worldwide networks users.

17 (15) Collect and distribute to foreign commercial
18 libraries directories, catalogs, brochures, and other
19 information of value to foreign businesses considering
20 doing business in this State.

21 (16) Establish an export finance awareness program to
22 provide information to banking organizations about methods
23 used by banks to provide financing for businesses engaged
24 in exporting and about other State and federal programs to
25 promote and expedite export financing.

26 (17) Undertake a survey of Illinois' businesses to
27 identify exportable products and the businesses interested
28 in exporting.

29 (18) In cooperation with the Department of
30 Agriculture, (i) provide assistance to those manufacturing
31 and service companies that desire to export agricultural
32 machinery, implements, equipment, other manufactured
33 products, and professional services; (ii) encourage
34 Illinois companies to initiate exporting or increase their
35 export sales of agricultural and manufactured products;
36 (iii) cooperate with agencies and instrumentalities of the

1 federal government in trade development activities in
2 overseas markets; (iv) conduct the necessary research
3 within Illinois and in overseas markets in order to assist
4 exporting companies; (v) promote the State of Illinois as a
5 source of agricultural and manufactured products through
6 information and promotion campaigns overseas; and (vi)
7 conduct an information program for foreign buyers of
8 Illinois agricultural and manufactured products.

9 (19) In cooperation with the Department of
10 Agriculture, establish overseas offices for (i) the
11 promotion of the export of Illinois agricultural and
12 manufactured products; (ii) representation of Illinois
13 seaports; (iii) economic development; and (iv) tourism
14 promotion and services.

15 (20) Charge fees for and recover the costs of its
16 services.

17 (21) Possess and exercise authority and responsibility
18 with respect to the State's international tourism
19 programs, initiatives, undertakings, and efforts. IGP and
20 its board may exercise their powers and shall perform their
21 duties in accordance with the fulfillment of IGP's
22 responsibility for international tourism. State executive
23 branch agencies must consult with IGP before continuing or
24 undertaking any international tourism program or programs
25 authorized by law as of or after the effective date of this
26 Act.

27 (22) Assume from the Department of Commerce and
28 Economic Opportunity and the Department of Agriculture on
29 July 1, 2005, all contractual personnel, books, records,
30 papers, documents, property both real and personal, and
31 pending business in any way pertaining to the Office of
32 Trade and Investment and international functions of the
33 Bureau of Marketing, respectively.

34 Section 30. Powers of the board of directors. The board of
35 directors shall have the power to:

1 (1) Secure funding for programs and activities of IGP from
2 federal, State, local, and private sources and from fees
3 charged for services and published materials; solicit,
4 receive, hold, invest, and administer any grant, payment, or
5 gift of funds or property; and make expenditures consistent
6 with the powers granted to it.

7 (2) Make and enter into contracts and other instruments
8 necessary or convenient for the exercise of its powers and
9 functions.

10 (3) Sue and be sued, and appear and defend in all actions
11 and proceedings, in its corporate name to the same extent as a
12 natural person.

13 (4) Adopt, use, and alter a common corporate seal for IGP.

14 (5) Elect or appoint officers and agents as its affairs
15 require and allow them reasonable compensation.

16 (6) Adopt, amend, and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with
17 the powers granted to it or the articles of incorporation, for
18 the administration of the affairs of IGP and the exercise of
19 its corporate powers.

20 (7) Acquire, enjoy, use, and dispose of patents,
21 copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses, royalties, and
22 other rights or interests thereunder or therein.

23 (8) Do all acts and things necessary or convenient to carry
24 out the powers granted to it.

25 Section 35. President. The board shall appoint a
26 President, who is the chief executive officer of the board and
27 of IGP. In addition to any other duties set forth in this Act,
28 the President shall do the following:

29 (1) Direct and supervise the administrative affairs
30 and activities of the board and of IGP, in accordance with
31 the board's rules and policies.

32 (2) Attend meetings of the board.

33 (3) Keep minutes of all proceedings of the board.

34 (4) Approve all accounts for salaries, per diem
35 payments, and allowable expenses of the board and IGP

1 employees and consultants and approve all expenses
2 incidental to the operation of the board and IGP.

3 (5) Report and make recommendations to the board on the
4 merits and status of any proposed facility.

5 (6) Perform any other duty that the board requires for
6 carrying out the provisions of this Act.

7 Section 40. Advisory committee. An advisory committee is
8 established for the benefit of IGP and its board of directors
9 in the performance of their powers, duties, and functions under
10 this Act. The board shall provide for the number,
11 qualifications, and appointment of members of the advisory
12 committee.

13 Section 45. Employees. The Department of Commerce and
14 Economic Opportunity and the Department of Agriculture may
15 establish a lease agreement program under which IGP may hire
16 any individual who, as of July 1, 2005, is employed by the
17 Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity or the
18 Department of Agriculture or who, as of July 1, 2005, is
19 employed by the Office of the Governor and has responsibilities
20 specifically in support of an international trade or tourism
21 program. Under the agreement, the employee shall retain his or
22 her status as a State employee but shall work under the direct
23 supervision of IGP. Retention of State employee status shall
24 include the right to participate in the State Employees
25 Retirement System. The Department of Central Management
26 Services shall establish the terms and conditions of the lease
27 agreements.

28 Section 50. Finances; audits; annual report.

29 (a) IGP may accept funds, grants, gifts, and services from
30 the government of the United States or its agencies, from this
31 State or its departments, agencies, or instrumentalities, from
32 any other governmental unit, and from private and civic sources
33 for the purpose of funding any projects authorized by this Act.

1 IGP may receive appropriations.

2 (b) Services of personnel, use of equipment and office
3 space, and other necessary services may be accepted from
4 members of the board as part of IGP's financial support.

5 (c) State funds appropriated for the operations and
6 functions of IGP for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal year
7 thereafter should not exceed 60% of IGP's funding from all
8 sources for the fiscal year.

9 (d) The board shall arrange for the annual financial audit
10 of IGP by one or more independent certified public accountants
11 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
12 The annual audit results shall be included in the annual report
13 required under subsection (e).

14 (e) IGP shall report annually on its activities and
15 finances to the Governor and the members of the General
16 Assembly.

17 Section 55. Agriculture marketing. IGP has authority and
18 responsibility with respect to:

19 (1) Marketing and promotion of Illinois agricultural
20 products.

21 (2) Consulting services and marketing information for
22 Illinois agribusinesses.

23 (3) Representing Illinois at trade shows and seminars
24 related to the State's agricultural exporting capabilities.

25 Section 60. Other State programs. Notwithstanding any
26 other law to the contrary, the Department of Agriculture and
27 all other State executive branch agencies must consult with IGP
28 before continuing or undertaking any international marketing
29 program or programs authorized by law as of or after the
30 effective date of this Act.

31 (20 ILCS 605/605-610 rep.)

32 (20 ILCS 605/605-615 rep.)

33 (20 ILCS 605/605-620 rep.)

1 (20 ILCS 605/605-625 rep.)

2 (20 ILCS 605/605-630 rep.)

3 Section 90. The Department of Commerce and Economic
4 Opportunity Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
5 amended by repealing Sections 605-610, 605-615, 605-620,
6 605-625, and 605-630.

7 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
8 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
10 2005.