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## Wanted: Snowplow drivers to join the IDOT team

*Temporary help needed across state for snow-and-ice removal*

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Department of Transportation today renewed its call for qualified individuals to step forward and apply for seasonal positions to help with snow-and-ice removal across the state. Through the department's annual "snowbird" program, temporary snowplow drivers are hired every year on a full-time and on-call basis.

"Snowbirds are a critical part of our overall effort to clear roads and keep Illinois moving during snow-and-ice season," said Acting Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Not only does the job perform an essential public service and ensure safe travel, but it's a great way to earn extra money during the winter months."

Snowbirds are required to promptly respond to emerging weather situations for snow-and-ice removal and stay prepared to work in emergency conditions at any time, including nights, weekends and holidays.

Applicants must have a commercial driver's license and submit to a criminal background check. A pre-employment physical, vision testing, and drug and alcohol screening also are required. Veterans are encouraged to apply. In rural areas, farmers and agricultural workers have historically filled out the snowbird ranks.

Applicants will be selected based on availability, job-related experience and qualifications. For additional information, including on positions and the application process in specific districts, details on pay and the potential for benefits, please click [here](#).

A short animation video on the snowbird program is available on IDOT's YouTube [channel](#).

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