



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 8, 2021

CONTACT: Marjani Williams, CMS

Marjani.williams@illinois.gov

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) Announces Celebration of Women's History Month

Celebration of Women's History Month to feature series of events highlighting women leaders in government and industry in Illinois

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) announced today a monthlong celebration highlighting women in leadership in recognition of Women's History Month. This celebration will feature a series of virtual events featuring women in government and business as the agency promotes diversity and inclusion in public service and statewide hiring.

"Without question, the contributions of women continue to transform the way we work and live," said CMS Director Janel L. Forde. "CMS is proud to shine a light on women in all areas of government, business and leadership. We hope to inspire the next generation of future leaders and encourage women to work for the State of Illinois at all levels."

CMS oversees the recruitment and counseling of potential employees on behalf of State agencies. The State of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EEO) and does not discriminate against individual's sex, race, age, disability, color, creed, national origin, religion, or genetic information.

The State of Illinois currently employs 22,744 women, many of whom are in leadership positions. Currently 22 State agencies are run by women. Within CMS, 20 of 38 leadership positions are occupied by women.

"CMS is committed to ensuring a state workforce that truly reflects the diversity of the people we serve," said CMS Chief Administrative Officer Mark Mahoney. "Guaranteeing that women have equal opportunities and equal pay is part of that commitment to full equity and inclusion for all employees."

The CMS Women's History Month celebration will kick off the week of March 8, 2021 with an event launching the *WomenIn* event series. Throughout the month, the *WomenIn* series will feature women leaders in government operations, Law, public safety, communications, technology, innovation, wealth generation and strategic planning.

WomenIn events will feature co-sponsors including the National Association of State Chief Administrators (NASCA) and the National Association of State Personnel Executives (NASPE), and distinguished speakers from:

- Accenture
- Alma Advisory Group
- Bank Policy Institute
- BBH Center for Women & Wealth (CW&W)
- BlackRock
- Chicago Community Trust (CCT)
- Chicago Bar Association
- Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA)
- Chicago State University (CSU)
- Circuit Court of Cook County
- City of Chicago
- Civic Consulting Alliance
- Cleveland Avenue
- Deloitte
- Cook County State's Attorney's Office
- DePaul University Law School
- Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC)
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)
- Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)
- Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS)
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
- Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)
- McKinsey & Company
- Office of the Governor – Illinois
- PNC Bank
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Shedd Aquarium
- State of Tennessee
- Tennessee Department of General Services
- University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)
- Urban ReSOLVE
- Xponance, and more.

Visit www.cms.illinois.gov/whm to access the full schedule of events, register for events and to view session recordings throughout the month.

To apply for job opportunities with the State of Illinois, visit www.work.illinois.gov.

###