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Dear Director Granahan,

Pursuant to Public Act 102-662, commonly referred to as the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), the Illinois Department of Labor is required to publish a report summarizing the racial and gender diversity of the workforce on all clean energy projects by county. The report shall compare the race, ethnicity, and gender of the workers on covered clean energy sector projects to the general population of the county in which the project is located. The report is also required to compare the race ethnicity, and gender of workers who reside in Illinois with those workers who reside outside of Illinois. Furthermore, the report shall also include the race, ethnicity, and gender of the workers by prevailing wage classification.

This report is to be filed by April 15th of every year. The Illinois Department of Labor presents this second annual report in order to inform its program evaluations, recommendations, and objective pursuant to Section 5-65 of the Energy Transition Act.

Methodology

The Illinois Department of Labor enforces the Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130). Under Public Act 100-1177, the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act was amended to require that the certified payroll records that all public works contractors are required to produce, be filed in an electronic database with the Illinois Department of Labor. Pursuant to the Prevailing Wage Act, those certified payroll records contain demographic information regarding the workers on public works projects, the county in which those workers live, and location of the public works project.

After the passage of CEJA, Public Act 102-662, the Illinois Department of Labor added a checkbox to our portal to allow contractors filing payrolls to indicate if a project was a covered clean energy project. To produce this report, the Department isolated those projects that contractors have identified as clean energy projects and then analyzed that data. As such, the analysis contained within the report is only as good as the data identified and submitted to us. For this reason, while the CEJA statute asks the Department to disaggregate data to compare the race, ethnicity, and gender of workers employed by union and non-union contractors, certified payroll records do not indicate whether a contractor is a union or nonunion contractor, and thus the Department does not have the necessary information to produce this data. There are also some inconsistencies in how contractors report racial and ethnic information in their certified payroll records that are inconsistent with the categories used in the U.S. Census. For example, while certified payroll records may indicate workers of “Hispanic” or “Latino” origin as a racial category, the U.S. Census does not recognize either of those terms as a racial category and so direct percentage comparison is not possible.

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The enclosed preliminary report includes the following:

- One tab that disaggregates workers who performed work on clean energy projects that live in Illinois and those that do not live in Illinois;
- One tab that shows the racial breakdown of workers on clean energy projects in each county.
- One tab that compares the racial breakdown of workers on clean energy projects by county to the U.S. Census Bureau estimate of the racial makeup for each such county. Source: <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/PST045222>
- One tab that disaggregates the data for each worker by prevailing wage classification in each county that worked on a clean energy project.

Please note that this year the Department has added percentages to the Illinois versus non-Illinois statistical data, which we hope will provide a clearer understanding of the metrics.

We look forward to collaborating with you to improve this report from year to year, as an important tool in evaluating and continuing to increase the percentage of individuals from disadvantaged communities working on clean energy projects in Illinois.

Very Truly Yours,



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