



ILLINOIS WORKS Bid Credit Program

July 2025 BCP Newsletter



The ILW [Bid Credit Program](#) is now
LIVE!

Upcoming Bid Credit Program Webinars

Advantages of the Bid Credit Program Webinar

This **UPDATED** informational webinar will provide updates from the administrative rules that have been approved.

Effectively Using the Bid Credit Program (Earning) Webinar

This **NEW** webinar will provide instructions on how to use our Bid Credit platform and how to earn bid credits.

Please check our [website](#) for upcoming dates and times for both webinars! Keep an eye out for another email from us with webinar dates and times, as well as registration links!



Bid Credit Program Rules Are Approved!

This is what we have been waiting for! The Office of Illinois Works (OIW) is excited to announce the Bid Credit Program (BCP) "Administrative Rules" have been officially approved! As of May 7, 2025, the [Administrative Rules](#) for the ILW Bid Credit Program were finalized!



[Read More About Rule Updates](#)

Bethel Family Resource Center Graduate Highlight - Diamond Lee

ILWPP Graduate Success Stories

We love graduate success stories!

Do you have an ILWPP



Diamond Lee graduated the ILW Pre-apprenticeship Program with Bethel Family Resource Center back in October 2024. She earned several certifications, serving as a baseline along her journey to become a carpenter: OSHA10, Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED (American Heart Association), and National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) Core.

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graduate/apprentice that you would like to recognize for their remarkable achievement or for overcoming a significant challenge?

If so, please submit the following [form](#) and someone from the BCP team will be in touch with you.

[ILWPP Graduate Success Stories Form](#)

Check out our Bid Credit Program Partner Guide!

Please review our Partner Guide:

- Access our [helper guides](#) and resources
- Review our past [newsletters](#)
- Find information on our [team](#)
- See photos from [events](#) we have attended

Please bookmark this page and check it often as it is always changing.

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May & June 2025 New Contractor Shoutout!

- 3 Brothers Facility Services
- WhippinWork LLC
- York Construction & Management Services, LLC.
- PapoJ Design LLC
- Miller Concrete Construction, Inc.
- KSRP Construction, Inc.
- Geneva Construction Company LLC
- BBG Landscaping LLC



Bid Credit Registry

Did you know you can collaborate with other BCP Contractors and Subcontractors by pooling your bid credits for a greater chance of winning a bid?

Each month, the Bid Credit Program (BCP) will publish a current list of active BCP Contractors and Subcontractors called the [Bid Credit Registry](#). You can take advantage of this valuable resource by researching other contractors to collaborate with when bidding on a State-funded construction project.

Bethel Family Resource Center - Grantee Highlight



This month's featured grantee is Bethel Family Resource Center (BFRC). They have been an ILW Pre-apprenticeship Program grantee for three years, successfully graduating 120+ participants from their IL Works Pre-apprenticeship Program.

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Bid Credit Launch Q&A

Click on each box for the answer!

How Much Will I Earn in Bid Credits?

How Do I Know If My Apprentice is Bid Credit Eligible?

What Do I Need to Know About the Bid Credit Apprentice Report?

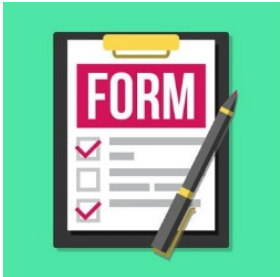
Why Are Regions Important?

How Do I Report Regions on the Bid Credit Apprentice Report?

How Much Time Do I Have to Submit a Bid Credit Apprentice Report?

Required Information

Since the approval of the administrative rules, please check out the tips below regarding the information required for the BCP forms you will need to complete:



Contractor Registration

- FULL company name, FEIN, corporate address, and contact information including email
- Construction trades, company size, years in business and certifications
- ALL BCP contractors MUST have an Illinois Works Pre-apprenticeship graduate hired and working within the borders of the State of Illinois. If you do NOT your registration will be DECLINED

Bid Credit Apprentice Report (Requesting Bid Credits)

- Employee/Apprentice name, Last 4 of SSN, and Illinois Works Graduate ID (IWRS)
 - If your employee/apprentice does NOT know their IWRS number, they will need to contact their ILWPP grantee.
 - Apprenticeship program type, name, and current apprentice year for employee/apprentice
 - All DOL-RAP acceptance and/or promotion letters
 - Certified payroll report for verification of total payroll hours, total gross wages, payroll date, payroll start and end dates, and project location
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Illinois Works In the News

- [Nearly \\$1 million in funding coming to expand workforce training in Sangamon County](#)
- [Peoria pre-apprenticeship students to tour construction projects, take on new skills](#)
- [Governor Pritzker Awards More Than \\$19 Million Through the Illinois Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program](#)
- [Central Illinois receives \\$2M for pre-apprenticeship programs](#)
- [Villa: Job training funding coming to Aurora and DuPage - Karina Villa, MSW](#)



Upcoming Bid Credit Program Events

If you have an upcoming meeting or event where you think the BCP Team could outreach the advantages of the program to your organization, email us at CEO.BidCreditProgram@illinois.gov.

Timeline to Launch

Are you prepared now that the BCP has launched? Please follow the steps below to ensure your company is ready:

1. [Register](#) for your own BCP Account Number
2. Bookmark the [BCP webpage](#)
3. [Request](#) an ILWPP graduate
4. Review the [Contractor Registry](#) for networking opportunities
5. Begin requesting bid credits for a qualified apprentice using the [Bid Credit Apprentice Report](#)



Learn more about the Bid Credit Program

Illinois Works Bid Credit Program

Illinois Works Graduate Request

Contractor Registration

Form

Bid Credit Apprentice
Report

Bid Credit Certificate Request



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