



**Illinois  
Department of Commerce  
& Economic Opportunity**

Pat Quinn, Governor

**Eliminate the Digital Divide Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** August 12, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am – 11:30am

**Location:** James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 3-400  
Director's Conference Room  
Chicago, IL 60601

**Members Attending:** Daniel O'Neil, Norm Peterson, Laura Lane, and Rep. Christian Mitchell

**Others Attending:** Monique Souchet, Irma Lopez, Layton Olson, Ruben Woodsome, Catherine Adams, Bianca Kaminska, Mira Kovacov, Charles Benton

**Call ins:** Niha Chitnavis, Julie Collier, Licia Knight, Drew Martin, Rep. Christian Mitchell staff, Clifton Mason, Daniel Loftus,

1. **Call to Order:** Daniel O'Neil Called the meeting to order at 10:08 am
2. **Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes (July 16, 2014):**
  - a. Minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Program Update**
  - a. Grants have been evaluated and awarded
  - b. There were 205 applicants, totaling \$13.3M in funding requests  
\$4.2M available for funding  
103 grantees were selected for awards  
Limit of \$75,000 per Computer Technology Center (CTC)  
Program allowed a maximum of \$160 per completer
  - c. Modifications to grant budgets and some scopes of work are being submitted as most applicants received only a fraction of their funding request.

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- d. Grantees with a favorable grant history with DCEO got a full lump sum (100%) of grant award
  - Returning grantees that experienced issues with past DCEO grants and those with no grant history with DCEO received partial payment (25%).

**4. Julio Rodriguez presentation (Workforce Development)**

- a. Workforce Development is funded by the Federal Government
- b. There are five industries of focus
  - i. Health care
  - ii. Manufacturing
  - iii. IT
  - iv. Transportation & logistics
  - v. Agriculture
- c. Julio suggested that those getting Digital Divide grants attend webinars
  - i. Many workforce development ctc's are also Digital Divide grantees

**5. Other Business / Public Comment:**

- a. Charles Benton suggested for Irma to identify Digital Divide grantees that are also receiving Workforce Development funds.

- 6. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Daniel O'Neil and carried a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am.