

State Agency or Association Purchasing Programs
Descriptions and Contact Information
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Illinois ASBO Classifieds: The Illinois Association of School Business Officials (Illinois ASBO) provides schools with an e-bulletin board to post items for sale or equipment wanted.

Website: <http://www.iasbo.org/i4a/classifieds/index.cfm>
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Illinois ASBO p-Card Program: Procurement Cards, or p-Cards, have existed in the private and public sectors for many years. They represent an evolution of the credit card brought about by applying new technology to an emerging e-commerce world that now includes schools.

What makes a p-Card unique is that it was created to maximize the benefits for schools and to potentially also help Associations.

Those who have worked in governmental agencies like school districts are very familiar with the process of using paper purchase orders and manually processing the procurement process from beginning to end. We are more than familiar with the delays, bottlenecks, time wasted, duplication and costs associated with the old paper intensive process. Only recently has technology for schools become available that allows for the stream-lining of this process and a significant reduction in the paper flow.

p-Cards can change the procurement culture, p-Cards will NOT eliminate all paper nor will they eliminate the need for and use of purchase orders, p-Cards will reduce paper use, and remove the myth that the more paper we use the better the paper trail and internal controls. p-Cards also help school districts identify all of the small transactions created each month and consolidates most of those into ONE payment.

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Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC): The IEC is a joint energy purchasing pool sponsored by Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of School Administrators and Illinois Association of School Business Officials. It is designed to lower utility costs for Illinois school districts or community colleges and make funds available for technology, staff development and educational goals. The IEC's governing Board is made up of two representatives from each sponsoring association and each association's executive director; for a total of nine members.

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Illinois Procurement Bulletin: The Illinois Procurement Bulletin provides State of Illinois agencies and local governments (including public schools) with internet access to annual contracts. The Master Contracts are used to buy certain commodities frequently or repeatedly during the year as need arise.

Website: www.purchase.state.il.us
Contact: Procurement Help Desk at 1-866-ILL-BUYS (1-866-455-2897)
E-Mail: webmaster@purchase.state.il.us

Microsoft Select Volume Licensing Agreement for the Illinois State Board of Education: This agreement has been extended by Microsoft through February 28, 2013. Illinois public schools can buy Microsoft software at discounted prices through the agreement. Vendor contact information, ordering information, ordering instructions and licensing prices are available via the ISBE website.

Website: www.isbe.state.il.us/msselect/contract.html
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Illinois Finance Authority (IFA): The Illinois Finance Authority provides expert, hands-on support to help businesses get the capital they need for growth. To strengthen Illinois businesses and the State's economic development agenda, the IFA provides access to low-cost, non-conventional financing, through banks and other sources. IFA secures financing for farms, industries, businesses, local governments, hospitals and other non-profits. The agency is continually seeking new opportunities to grow businesses that retain and create jobs through development projects. We invite developers, financiers, and community partners to explore this website and contact us to see how IFA can help.

Website: www.il-fa.com
Contacts:

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312-651-1300 (P)	618-244-2424 (P)	309/495-5959 (P)	217-782-5792 (P)
312-651-1350 (F)	618-244-2433 (F)	309-676-7534 (F)	217-782-3989 (F)

Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (ISDLAF+): Since 1984, ISDLAF+ has earned a well-deserved reputation among Illinois school districts and community colleges. The Fund is known for its excellent performance, built around the safety, liquidity and yield that school officials want. And today, the Fund offers an even higher level of "value added" service and support.

As an ISDLAF+ participant, you can benefit from the full range of PMA cash management and investment services designed especially for school districts. These include: Cash Flow Analysis Program, Bond Proceeds Management Program and Educational Seminars and Classes.

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