

## **METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING ILLINOIS' LIST OF NONTRADITIONAL PROGRAMS\***

Staff from the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), and the Illinois Occupational Information Coordinating Committee (IOICC/SOICC) have worked together to develop a comprehensive list of nontraditional programs for use at both secondary and post-secondary institutions in our State. The approach used to create the nontraditional occupation and instructional program clusters was based on the 1998 Current Population Survey (CPS) nationwide census information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupations from the CPS for which the percentage of women employed was at or below 25% were considered to be nontraditional for women, and occupations for which the percentage of women employed was at or above 75% were considered to be nontraditional for men. The next step was to determine (a) if there was an approved ISBE secondary or (ICCB/ISBE) postsecondary program and (b), in addition, if there was an appropriate Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) occupational title that corresponded with the nontraditional occupations that had been identified from the CPS.

Nontraditional occupations for which both an Illinois instructional program and an appropriate OES occupational title could be found were included in the list of clusters. For each OES – CIP cluster in the final list growth rate percentages, salary ranges, program data and enrollment / completer data were included.

Sources of this information include: Growth data from the *1996-2006 Substate Employment Projections System*, (IOICC), wage data from the *1998 Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Survey*, Illinois Department of Employment Security), program data from the ICCB Curriculum Master File, and enrollment / completer data from the ICCB 1999 Annual Enrollment and Completion (A1) report (FY-1999).

\*Attachment A of *The Illinois Five-Year State Plan for Career and Technical Education Fiscal Years 2000 to 2004* prepared in response to the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998

(Please note that the CIP titles with NEW after them were added in FY2001 for state use at the secondary level.)