Location
The Chicago office is located downtown in the James R. Thompson Center (State of Illinois Center) between Randolph, LaSalle, Lake and Clark Streets. The State Board offices are on the 14th floor, Room 300. Hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Information and Reception Center is located outside the elevators.

Nearest Hotels
Although there are many choices for accommodations, the nearest hotel is the Allegro, 171 West Randolph Street, 800/643-1500, one block west. Four blocks east is the Hotel 71, 71 Wacker, 312/342-7100 and the Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 Wacker Drive, 800/233-1234, is about one-half mile east. For information about other locations, call Chicago Office of Tourism at 1-800-2CONNECT.

Directions
If you are driving, see the map and location information on the reverse side. Google maps might also be helpful.

Train
When leaving Union Station, head east on Adams toward Wacker Drive and turn left. Make a right on Randolph. We recommend taking a taxi since the Thompson Center is several blocks away.

Safety Tips
It's best to put valuables in your trunk before you park to deter break-ins. Also, don't leave purses or briefcases unattended while visiting the building. The State Board offices are open to the public, and possessions may not always be safe.

Chicago Police Department

Highway Access

From Lake Shore Drive (South): 1-55 leads into Lake Shore Drive. From Lake Shore Drive, take the Randolph Street exit, head into the city and make a right on LaSalle Street.

From North (1-90/1-94): Exit at Ohio Street and follow it until you reach LaSalle and then make a right. Make a left onto Lake Street and watch for the parking ramp entrance.

Parking

Street Parking near the Thompson Center is not really a likely prospect. It’s inconvenient and very expensive, as one has to go out every two hours unless they have the ParkChicago app and the stamp on their car. And it costs $6.50 an hour. There are two self-park garages: 200 N Clark St and 200 W. Randolph St, and state employees can get discount parking which costs $17/12 hours.