MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, is entered into this 11th day of May 2006, by and between the State of Illinois, acting through the Department of Human Services and hereinafter called the "State" and Guild for the Blind hereinafter called the "Guild".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the State has the duty to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services helps Illinois families achieve self-sufficiency, independence and health to the maximum extent possible and improves the quality of life of thousands of Illinois families by providing an array of comprehensive, coordinated services; and

WHEREAS, the Guild for the Blind strives to promote positive attitudes about visual impairment and to assist its members in achieving dignity and independence at home, in the workplace and in the community.

WHEREAS, the parties shall enter into a grant or award agreement, to be effective for fiscal year 2007 and subject to compliance with all applicable State law and necessary certifications, on the basis of the following terms, among others:

The State will agree:

1. To provide $100,000 in State funding for the Guild for the Blind which is designed to assist with program support.

The Guild for the Blind will agree:

2. To meet all duties and obligations imposed by state law respecting nonfederal-aid projects; and

3. To promptly pay all contractors engaged on projects undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding.

The parties will mutually agree:

4. That, with respect to the State funding, project initiation will be the responsibility of the Guild for the Blind and to be coordinated with the State.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, State and Guild for the Blind have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their authorized representatives on the ___ day of May 2006.

FOR GUILD FOR THE BLIND:

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FOR THE STATE:

Carol L. Adams
Secretary
Department of Human Services