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Historic reforms are taking shape at McCormick Place. Landmark legislation passed the Illinois House and Senate on May 7, 2010 and now awaits Governor Quinn's signature.

1. What are the proposed work rule changes?

- Straight-time window has been expanded – any work conducted M-F between 6am – 10pm for a consecutive 8-hour period is charged at straight time
- Non-working stewards no longer needed for any unions working at McCormick Place
- Exhibitors have the right to call all labor by name
- Crew sizes can be determined by task

2. What does this mean for exhibitors?

- Exhibitors can now do their own work in a booth using power tools, ladders and more regardless of the size of the booth – the 300 square foot booth rule has been eliminated.
- Advisory Council created to ensure exhibitor satisfaction

3. How will exhibitors' costs be lowered?

Focus One is no longer the exclusive electrical provider so exhibitors can now do their own electrical work or contract it out to a MPEA-approved electrical contractor. Food service will be restructured. Exhibitors can now bring in their own food for personal consumption.

4. How long will it take to see the benefit of this reform?

A number of changes will take place immediately after Governor Quinn signs the bill. The next 18 months will be a period of great growth, with each day building upon the next and customers seeing more positive changes as time progresses. There is no one-day fix to the convention industry's problems, but changes will be evident from the first day forward.

5. What is the economic impact of McCormick Place on the city and state?

Meetings and conventions held at McCormick Place support 66,000 jobs and generate \$251 million in tax revenue each year. The customers who come to Illinois spend close to \$8 billion in the state.

6. The Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau (CCTB) stands to gain additional funding under this proposal. How will that money be used?

This additional funding puts Chicago on a level playing field with our competitors. CCTB will invest this money in ways that give back to the city and state by bringing more customers to Chicago. CCTB will do this via a targeted international efforts to help build Chicago's brand as a global meetings destination, as well as expanding our presence in the U.S. with west and east coast Bureaus.

7. How can McCormick Place justify accepting a \$20 million subsidy at a time when Illinois is struggling financially?

McCormick Place is an economic engine for the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois, supporting 66,000 jobs and generating \$251 million in tax revenue each year. By giving customers the cost savings they asked for, McCormick Place stands to lose funds that currently go toward its operations. To continue driving the city and state's economy, McCormick Place will need new sources of funding to continue operating. The subsidy is intended the fill that gap.

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