

**COLLINSVILLE METROPOLITAN EXPOSITION  
AUDITORIUM AND OFFICE BUILDING AUTHORITY**

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In accordance with 5 ILCS 140/4 (a) and (b) of the Freedom of Information Act a brief description of the Collinsville Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority is as follows:

The Collinsville Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority is organized under a specific statute enacted by the Illinois Legislature, contained in Illinois Revised Statutes, Illinois 70 ILCS 200/Civic Center Code Article 60 – Collinsville Civic Center.

The Statute designates the Authority has a political subdivision, body politic and municipal corporation. The Authority was created under the State of Illinois; however, is legally separate and distinct from the State of Illinois and from the City of Collinsville.

The Authority is a separate political subdivision and possesses statutory powers, including the power to sue and be sued in its own name to acquire and own property, both real and personal. It has the power to issue bonds. It possesses the "state action exemption" granted to governmental bodies under the Federal Anti Trust laws. It keeps separate books and records and has the power to enact resolutions and ordinances.

The only criteria relating to governmental bodies generally that the Authority does not satisfy is the power to tax. The Authority is therefore with that group of governmental bodies that has the usual governmental powers except the power to tax.