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## Spanish, Polish, Translations Added to Unemployment Insurance Applications and Illinoisjoblink.com

**CHICAGO** – Electronic applications for unemployment insurance benefits and [illinoisjoblink.com](http://illinoisjoblink.com) now are available in Spanish and Polish, the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) said today.

Electronic unemployment insurance applications at [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov) are preferred to paper applications for accuracy and efficiency. [Illinoisjoblink.com](http://Illinoisjoblink.com) is a free help-wanted job board featuring more than 100,000 job openings and 70,000 resumes. IDES staff also provides no-cost HR-recruitment services to Illinois businesses.

“Today’s news is a win for all taxpayers in Illinois because it increases access to services and saves taxpayer money,” IDES Director Jay Rowell said. “Translating additional on-line services allows us to serve people in a way that is more convenient for them.”

The announcement augments initiatives to make services more readily available to individuals whose preferred language is not English. Last year, IDES converted important documents on its website to the four non-English languages most requested: Spanish, Polish, Simplified Chinese and Russian. The translator button is in the upper-right corner of the IDES homepage. Other language translations can be met upon request. The IDES has been asked to translate its information into more than 60 languages.

For each language, the IDES reviews more than 280 website pages with nearly 94,000 characters. A common website language translator first converts the text from English. Then, the translation is reviewed by IDES staff for accuracy and nuance. As a precaution, legal opinions, legislation, and court orders are not automatically translated. Most customers do not seek these documents.

[Illinoisjoblink.com](http://Illinoisjoblink.com) is the revamped IDES employment website that links job seekers with ready-to-hire employers. This no-cost, on-line career resource allows individuals to create multiple resumes that emphasize different talents and allows businesses to search for specific skills. The keyword matching technology increases the likelihood of a successful new hire. Illinois JobLink emphasizes Illinois jobs, scrapes other commercial job boards, and compares favorably to private efforts that cost hundreds of dollars for a single advertisement. Hiring managers can call (877) 342-7533 for direct assistance with [illinoisjoblink.com](http://illinoisjoblink.com)

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