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**CERTIFIED:** VISION M.A.I. Consulting was a certified as a Female and Minority Business Enterprise (FMBE) under the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS).

**SKILL SET:** (Specialized) Roll Calls, Appropriations, Drafting Legislation, Negotiations, Not-for-Profits, Coalition Management, Grassroots Initiatives, Pensions, Membership Initiatives, Media Outreach.

**EXPERIENCE SNAPSHOT:** Overriding vetoes, passing legislation impacting energy efficiency - electric smart grid, securing \$11.9 million in funding for the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, increasing pharmaceutical rights of cancer patients, former Technical Advisor to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus Chair, conducting well attended training seminars for both the Illinois Legislative Black and Latino Caucuses. Served as Lead consultant on a project with the National Education Association (NEA) in Washington, D.C. during tenure as a Director at a not-for-profit.

Bukola Bello has spent much of her career in a variety of government and government-related positions. She served as a senior analyst to the Illinois General Assembly's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability where she prepared historical, statistical, and economic analyses pursuant to legislative requests for legislators of the House and Senate. Additionally, Bukola has authored ten published reports that are still used by the Legislature, organized and presented policy initiatives for the Black and Latino Legislative Caucuses, and served as a Technical Advisor to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus House Chairperson on pension, education, revenue and other legislative matters. Her legislative work also includes serving as a Commission liaison during negotiations between the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, the Illinois Municipal League, the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and the Fraternal Order of Police.

As a Director, at a research and advocacy firm, she was frequently involved in implementing the firm's legislative agenda. Her work involved advising legislators (Leadership and Rank &

File), tracking and monitoring bills, providing written and oral testimony for Senate and House committees, creating fact sheets, and successfully completing specific roll calls, i.e., Black, Latino, Downstate, Green, and Republican Caucuses. Bukola has passed and/or drafted successful legislation for the following entities: Commonwealth Edison, Univar, Illinois Hospital Association, Retired Teachers' Association of Chicago, Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, International Myeloma Foundation, Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Cannery Casino Resorts, and the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

**SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATIVE CAMPAIGNS** (snapshot not exhaustive): Taxpayer Accountability and Budget Stability Act (Center for Tax & Budget Accountability), Illinois Health Insurance Marketplace (International Myeloma Foundation), EDGE Tax Credit (Univar), Illinois Gaming Expansion (Cannery Resorts), Energy Infrastructure Modernization Act (ComEd), Charter School Reporting Act (Chicago Teachers Pension Fund), and Medicaid Expansion (Illinois Hospital Association), Defeated CPS Pension Holiday SB 1920 (39-78), Emerging Manager Investment Procurement Act (Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund), Testimony and Production of Records Act (Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund), Cook County Sweetened Beverage Tax 16-5932 Ordinance, Education Funding Reform Act, HPV Information Vaccination, Reproductive Health Act (Planned Parenthood), First Responders Suicide Prevention Act (IPPPA), Chicago Police Administrative Review Act (PABF).

Bukola has also worked on legislative and media initiatives for the following entities, associations and unions: Fan Duel, Draft Kings, The Illinois Public Health Institute, Chicago Principals and Administrators Association (CPAA), American Heart Association, Planned Parenthood of Illinois, Illinois Housing Development Authority, Retired Teachers' Association of Chicago, Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPPA), Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd), Univar, Illinois Hospital Association, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, International Myeloma Foundation, Cannery Casino and Resorts, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Illinois Federation of Teachers (IFT), Illinois Education Association (IEA), Service Employees International Union (SEIU), State University Annuitants Association (SUAA), University Professionals of Illinois (UPI), Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois (AFFI), Illinois Public Pension Fund Association (IPPPA), Police Benevolent Protective and Benefit Association (PBPA), the Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge (FOP), Sun Run, Sun Power, Nicor Gas, Eastern Generation, and the Policemen's Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago (PABF).

**NONPROFIT EXPERIENCE:** As a former Director at a not-for-profit, Bukola was primarily responsible for all operations and communication of a 15-member board. Her duties included responding to inquiries from members of the Illinois General Assembly, legislative staff, and media on a variety of issues, and reporting the results of those inquiries back to her board. She has analyzed legislation, drafted policy recommendations, developed fact sheets and disseminated reports to House and Senate committee members.