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**Grey House Publishing announces the First Edition
of *Profiles of Illinois***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the First Edition of *Profiles of Illinois*.

Profiles of Illinois – Facts, Figures & Statistics for all 1,427 Populated Places in Illinois is the fourth volume in our *Profiles of...* series. This new work is based on Grey House Publishing's *Profiles of America* – a 4-volume compilation of information on more than 42,000 places in the United States. From here, we added entire chapters of specific demographics plus ranking sections, so that *Profiles of Illinois* is the most comprehensive portrait ever published of the state of Illinois.

This first edition provides data on all populated communities and counties in the state of Illinois, from bustling urban centers to the hard-to-find outposts. It includes seven major chapters that cover everything from **Education** to **Ethnic Backgrounds** to **Weather**. All chapters include **Comparative Statistics** or **Rankings**, and 4-color **Maps** at the back of the book provide valuable information in a quickly processed, visual format. Here's an overview of each chapter:

1. Profiles

Originally drawn from the 2000 Census data, this chapter gives detailed profiles of 1,427 places plus 102 counties. This core Census data has been so extensively updated, however, that nearly 80% of this chapter has 2004 numbers. It also contains an alphabetical place index.

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Major fields of information included in this section are:

Geography... Housing... Education... Religion...
Ancestry... Transportation... Population... Weather... Economy... Industry... Health

2. Education

This chapter begins with an *Educational State Profile*, summarizing number of schools, students, diplomas granted and educational dollars spent. Following the state profile are **School District Rankings** on 16 topics ranging from *Teacher/Student Ratios* to *High School Drop-Out Rates*. Following these rankings are *National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)*, *Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT)*, and *Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE)* test scores.

3. Ancestry

This chapter provides a detailed look at the ancestral and racial makeup of Illinois. 217 ethnic categories are ranked three ways: 1) by number, based on all places regardless of population; 2) by percent, based on all places regardless of population; 3) by percent, based on places with populations of 10,000 or more.

4. Hispanic Population

This chapter defines Illinois' Hispanic population by 23 Hispanic backgrounds from *Argentinian* to *Venezuelan*. It ranks each of 15 categories, from Median Age to Median Home Value, by each Hispanic background.

5. Asian Population

Similar in format to the chapter on Hispanic Population, this chapter defines Illinois' Asian population by 23 Asian backgrounds from *Bangladeshi* to *Vietnamese*. It ranks each of 14 categories, from *Median Age* to *Median Home Value*, by each Asian background

6. Weather

This important topic is explored in detail in this chapter, which includes a *State Summary*, and profiles of both *National and Cooperative Weather Stations*. In addition, you'll find *Weather Station Rankings*. This chapter also includes current *Storm* data. You'll see, at a glance, the most destructive ranked by both the most fatalities and the most property damage, from 1995 to 2005.

7. Maps

For a more visual point of view, there are 16 color maps of Illinois, most in 4-color, at the back of the book. They provide information on topics such as Core-Based Statistical Areas and Counties, Population Demographics, Household size, Median Age, Male/Female Ratio, Income, Educational Attainment, and another look at who voted for George Bush and John Kerry in 2004.