



Illinois Green Economy Network

Funding and Program Opportunities and Updates

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October 18, 2019

OVERVIEW

- Consortium of all 39 Illinois community college districts, formed in 2008 through an intergovernmental agreement.
- Mission to provide a platform for collaboration among all Illinois community colleges and their partners to drive growth of the green economy.
- Vision is the Illinois community college system as a global leader in transforming the economy and education for a sustainable future.
- Eight areas of focus: building sciences, energy, manufacturing, natural resources, sustainable food, transportation, waste, and water resources.
- Approach leverages the power of a sustainability network with the deep community connections of individual colleges to expand deployment of clean energy technologies, increase employment opportunities, improve environmental and human health, foster community engagement, and accelerate market competitiveness.

GOVERNANCE/ROLES

- Led by an administrative team that implements and manages network initiatives and programs, as well as provides general operations.
- The administrative team receives strategic direction from and reports to a Presidents' Steering Committee.
 - Dr. Michael Boyd, Kankakee Community College
 - Dr. Josh Bullock, Lake Land College
 - Dr. Dale Chapman, Lewis and Clark Community College
 - Dr. Keith Cornille, Heartland Community College
 - Dr. Sylvia Jenkins, Moraine Valley Community College
 - Dr. Terri Winfree, Prairie State College
 - Dr. Brian Durham, Illinois Community College Board (ex officio member)
- Administrative agent college: Heartland Community College
- Fiscal agent college: Lewis and Clark Community College

MEMBERSHIP/PARTICIPATION

- After period of transition, Presidents' Steering Committee approved and implemented a dues structure for active membership in 2018
- Membership options for FY19/CY19: general (\$3,000) and lead (\$10,000)
- Active membership required for participation in current funding/programs (all colleges eligible)
- Currently, 22 active general and lead members
- Information about dues, membership, and participation for 2020 will be distributed to all college presidents in November 2019

GENERAL MEMBERS

- City Colleges of Chicago
- Danville Area Community College
- Harper College
- Illinois Eastern Community Colleges
- John Wood Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Moraine Valley Community College
- Morton College
- Oakton Community College
- Parkland College
- Triton College
- Waubonsee Community College

LEAD MEMBERS

- College of Lake County
- Heartland Community College
- John A. Logan College
- Kankakee Community College
- Lake Land College
- Lewis and Clark Community College
- Lincoln Land Community College
- McHenry County College
- Prairie State College
- Southwestern Illinois College

CURRENT FUNDING/PROGRAMS

- **Office of the Secretary of State grant (\$2M)**
 - Appropriated from the Renewable Energy Resources Trust Fund through Public Act 100-0586
 - Education and training for renewable energy and energy efficiency technology, and for the operations/services of the network
 - Grant period through June 30, 2020
- **U.S. Department of Energy cooperative agreement (\$1.25M)**
 - Expanding the solar workforce through the Illinois community college system
 - Grant period through May 31, 2022
- **Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance grant**
 - Illinois Home Performance Equipment Loan Program
- **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant (\$2M)**
 - Agreement pending; finalizing proposal/scope of work
 - Same funding purpose/source as the grant through the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State
 - Grant period, next steps, and process to be determined: information in Fall 2019

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE GRANT

- As a benefit of general and lead membership, colleges were eligible to receive a minimum of \$5,000 for activities, programs, and projects for education and training for renewable energy and energy efficiency technology
- As a benefit of lead membership, colleges were eligible to receive \$10,000 to offset the salary of a designated liaison with IGEN who is implementing the activities and deliverables, etc.
- IGEN distributed base contracts/sub-awards (through Lewis and Clark Community College, as fiscal agent) based on the benefits of membership (subject to approval)
- College members submitted additional funding proposals/requests (deadline recently of October 16)
- IGEN administrative team evaluates proposals/requests based on criteria identified related to grant requirements and approves activities, projects, and programs, etc. (working with a third-party evaluator)

CONSULTANT FOR SOLAR: COURSE ONLINE

- Partnership with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for solar education/training
- All active college members encouraged to participate in a course online **(for free)**!
 - 12-week course on-demand/online
 - Assist college administrations, boards, facilities, faculty, and other staff (including sustainability), to better understand the process for installing solar
 - Information about solar technology, how to assess site prioritization, finance, procurement strategies, and more!
 - All colleges can identify up to 5 individuals to participate
 - **To learn more and sign up, visit:**
<https://www.midwestrenew.org/igen-pv-development-course>

CONSULTANT FOR SOLAR: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Partnership with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for solar technical assistance opportunities/services
- Technical assistance services:
 - Office hours available in 30-minute meetings prescheduled
 - Colleges can sign up for additional hands-on technical assistance services in the course module 8
 - Technical assistance services include: project plan, site assessment report, economic feasibility analysis, RFP development assistance, RFP evaluation assistance, and system inspection and report
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

- Cohort of 6 Illinois community colleges and 3 industry partners participating
 - City Colleges of Chicago, College of Lake County, John A. Logan College, Kankakee Community College, Lewis and Clark Community College, and Lincoln Land Community College
 - Elevate Energy, Midwest Renewable Energy Association, and StraightUp Solar
- Objectives:
 - Address an unmet need by increasing the pool of skilled solar workers, with a focus on veterans (180 enrolled/trained; 65% employed in industry)
 - Keep pace with evolving needs of the solar workforce by improving programs to be more accessible and industry-driven (20 courses, programs, or trainings created or expanded/updated)
 - Strengthen network's capacity as a statewide resource for solar education, training, and workforce initiatives (35 businesses engaged)
- **Needed positions!**
 - Full-time Program/Project Manager: <https://jobs.lc.edu/postings/1505>
 - Part-time Business Engagement Manager: <https://jobs.lc.edu/postings/1506>

MIDWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALLIANCE GRANT

- Illinois Home Performance Equipment Loan Program
- Free energy evaluation equipment available at host Illinois community colleges/partner locations
 - Ecology Action Center, Normal
 - Illinois Central College
 - John A. Logan College
 - Kankakee Community College
 - Lewis and Clark Community College
 - South Suburban College
- Opportunity to move some equipment to additional colleges in ComEd territory



QUESTIONS?

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