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Governor's Sustainability Awards

The 2013 Governor's Sustainability Awards ceremony will take place on October 29th in Peoria. The event will include a number of sustainability-focused panels and speakers with opportunities to learn more about environmental initiatives throughout the state of Illinois.

[Click here for more information on the 2013 Governor's Sustainability Awards](#)

Since 1987, the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC) has presented

Governor's awards to organizations in Illinois that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices. Eligible recipients for the awards include industrial firms, healthcare facilities, trade organizations, non-profits, government entities, commercial enterprises and higher education—a program administered by the GGCC's Higher Ed compact program.

Contact John Mulrow at [ISTC for more information regarding the awards and application process.](#)

ISBE School Energy Efficiency Grants

The Illinois State Board of Education recently opened its school energy efficiency project grants available to fund improvements for any school district, charter school, public university, area vocational center or special education cooperative in Illinois. The 2014 grant cycle

has \$20 million to disperse based on design and need of the institution. The grants act as match funds for **DCEO's Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards.**

Visit the [ISBE Grants page for more information. Deadline is Wednesday, November 27.](#)

Events

State Bike Plan

Meetings

IDOT

Throughout October

Sustainability at

Home

USGBC - Illinois

October 3rd

Sustainability

Hackathon

CNT

October 3rd

Walk or Bike to

School Day

National Center for Safe Routes to School and IDOT

October 8th

Composting

Workshop

SCARCE

October 8th

Turn Green Into

Green

SEDAC

October 10th

Keyline Design

Workshop

Savanna Institute

October 11th - 13th

DCEO Grant Opportunities

DCEO offers a number of grants for sustainable development and environmental conservation that are currently accepting applications. From solar and wind grants to recycling and compost, these grants help make strategic, sustainable improvements throughout the state of Illinois.

Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program for Smaller Systems

Deadline: October 31, 2013

The focus of the Solar and Wind Energy Rebate Program, through the State's Renewable Energy Resources Program, is to encourage utilization of smaller-scale solar and wind energy systems in Illinois. Eligible applicants include homeowners, businesses, public sector and non-profit entities who are customers of an electric or gas utility that impose the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge.

Large Distributed Solar and Wind Grant Program

Deadline: November 7, 2013

The focus of the Large Distributed Solar and Wind Grant Program (previously called the Community Solar and Wind Grant Program) is to support the development and implementation of larger-scale distributed solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, and wind energy systems in Illinois.

Eligible applicants include businesses, public sector and non-profit entities that are customers of an electric or gas utility that impose the Renewable Energy Resources and Coal Technology Development Assistance Charge. The maximum grant amount allowed under this program is \$250,000.

Green Jobs Corner

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Events

Illinois Green Business Summit

IGBA
October 15th

SMHEC Sustainability Conference

South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium
October 18th

Reinventing Chicago: Apps Competition

CNT, TechNexus
October 18th

University of Illinois Sustainability Week

U of I Urbana-Champaign
October 21st - 25th

Chief Engineers & Facility Managers

Training Conference
U of I Urbana-Champaign
October 22nd - 24th

Lecture: Sustainability in Higher Education

U of I Chicago
October 24th

Building for Sustainability

Chicago Community Loan Fund and Chicago Center for Green Technology
October 24th - 25th

[DCEO Grants Continued]

Illinois Recycling Grant

Deadline: November 12, 2013

The recycling grants program provides technical assistance and grants for capital equipment to governmental entities, private businesses, not-for-profit organizations, and colleges and universities for projects involving paper, plastic, metal and glass. A priority goal of the program is to reduce the amount of recyclable commodities being disposed of in Illinois landfills.

Projects involving special waste, hazardous waste, and industrial process waste, as those terms are defined in the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, as well as landscape waste, wood waste, textiles, electronic waste, used/waste tires, and construction and demolition debris waste, are not eligible for funding under this RFA.

Please contact Kate Tomford at DCEO with any questions about grant opportunities.

DNR School Grants

Schoolyard Wildlife Action Grant

Deadline: November 30, 2013

The Schoolyard wildlife Action Grant program provides students an opportunity to plan, develop and maintain wildlife

habitat on school grounds. Past projects have included prairie restoration, butterfly garden, rain garden, wetlands and bat roosting boxes.

Biodiversity Field Trip Grant

Deadline: January 31, 2014

Biodiversity field trip grants are awarded for the purpose of educating students about Illinois' rich biodiversity. Grants cover travel and substitute teacher, and recipients must take students to state parks, natural areas, natural history museums or a nature center.

Please contact Diane Tecic at IDNR with questions about grant opportunities.

Fresh Potpourri

[Governor Quinn announces green infrastructure grant award recipients](#)

[ComEd rolls out smart meters](#)

[USDA rural energy efficiency program selects three IL farms](#)

[Energy ordinance passes Chicago city council](#)

[U of I solar home returns](#)

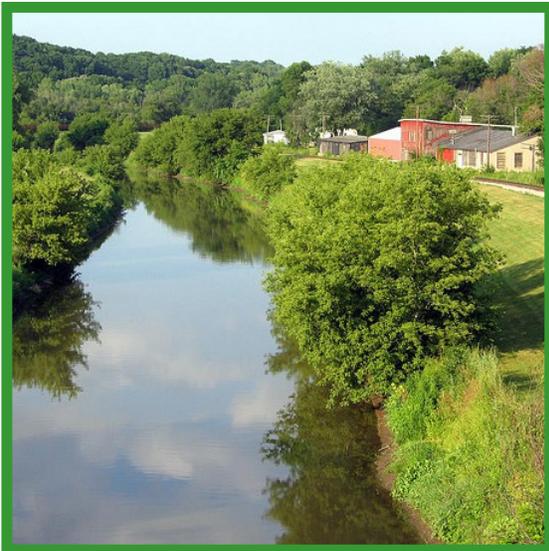
[Gust of economic growth in McHenry County](#)

[Biologists helping ancient fish make a comeback in Illinois](#)

DOC Data Crunch

PhD students at the University of Chicago's Data Science for Social Good Fellowship Program analyzed the energy-use patterns of five similarly constructed Department of Corrections' (DOC) facilities. The research established an energy baseline for the facilities and will provide guidance for how DOC can reduce overall energy in the future.

Comprehensive analysis showed trends relating to the seasons as well as inadequate utility pricing schemes. The similarities between the facilities made identifying outliers easier—such as the confusing and specific energy bill at the Pinckneyville facility—providing opportunities for energy savings well into the future.



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