



Overview of Illinois Energy Now

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What is Illinois Energy Now?

Illinois Energy Now is the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO) portfolio of Energy Efficiency programs that provides ***public schools and other public sector*** entities financial incentives to upgrade their electric and natural gas systems

It is funded by a System Benefits Charge on ***Ameren Illinois, Com Ed, North Shore Gas, Peoples Gas, or Nicor Gas*** customers' monthly electric and natural gas utility bill.

Offers Business Industry Training and Education Grants to groups like the Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBMC) who support the ***Illinois Energy Now*** program by providing technical and application assistance to public schools and other units of local government

What do we mean by “Public Sector” customers?



- *Public K-12 Schools*
- *County Buildings*
- *Public Safety*
- *Municipalities*
- *Park Districts*
- *Health Departments*
- *Townships*
- *Library Districts*
- *Water Districts*

What qualifies for the electric financial incentives?



- Lighting equipment
- Refrigeration equipment
- Kitchen/refrigeration equipment
- HVAC equipment
- Motors and drives
- LED traffic signals

Natural gas incentives may include:



- Gas furnaces
- Water heaters (tanked and tankless)
- Kitchen steam cookers
- Boilers
- Condensing boilers
- Low flow spray valves



What is the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners?

- Not-for-profit organization that assists the state's 102 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Illinois.
- Partners with the DCEO Illinois Energy Office, select Illinois Regional Planning Councils, Smart Energy Design Assistance Center, UIC Energy Resource Center, the Trade Ally Network and the utilities.



How the IACBMC can help

- ✓ Provide Illinois Energy Now ***application and technical assistance***
- ✓ Complete SEDAC Energy Assessment ***applications***
- ✓ Provide localized ***application assistance*** through our partnerships with Illinois Regional Planning Councils
- ✓ Travel the state ***presenting*** Illinois Energy Now facts for school administrators, library districts, school associations, local elected officials, etc.
- ✓ Coordinate with the ***SEDAC and Trade Ally Network***.



Other Resources

DCEO has partnered with Energy Resource Center to introduce the [Green Nozzle Program](#). The “Green Nozzle” is a high efficient pre-rinse spray valve that will save customers an estimated \$400 annually on their natural gas bills due to a reduction in hot water usage.

LIGHTS FOR LEARNING K-12 [students](#) sell energy-efficient products including ENERGY STAR® qualified CFLs, LED holiday light strands and night lights, and low-flow showerheads; rather than traditional school fundraising items such as candy and gift wrap.



In Conclusion.....

The mission of the IACBMC is to ensure all public schools, colleges, and universities and other public sector entities:

- Are informed and educated on the opportunities available through the ***Illinois Energy Now*** program,
- Have the opportunity to achieve annual ***energy savings***,
- Receive electric and natural gas ***rebates and incentives***,
- Save ***money*** on monthly electric and natural gas utility bills,
- Ensure ***complete applications*** are submitted to the DCEO Illinois Energy Office.



WE CAN HELP – CONTACT US!

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