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Market Development Initiative Support



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Overall Workforce Challenges



- Qualified workers
- Awareness of energy efficiency workforce opportunities
- Training for energy efficiency workforce opportunities
- Employee retention
 - Obstacles to staying employed

Importance of Education



Education of what opportunities exist from trusted sources is important!

- Local colleges
- Community-based organizations
- Energy partners

Partnering With Others



Partnering with others who can provide wrap-around services is critical.

Collaborations could include:

- Energy providers
- Energy partners like SEEL
- Community-based organizations
- Community colleges

Opportunities Afforded



Opportunities that will be afforded through CEJA HUB, Navigator and Climate Works Programs:

- **Skill-Specific Training**
 - Could include solar, electric vehicle manufacturing, energy auditor
- **Wrap-Around Services**
 - Includes assistance securing resources for transportation, technology, childcare, etc.
- **Educational Assistance**
 - Includes tutoring, identifying other pre-requisite needs prior to being adequately prepared for skill-specific training, etc.
- **Assistance Finding Employment in the Energy Efficiency Field**
 - Includes assistance with completing an interview, resume writing, etc.

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Workforce Development



- Provides support for jobseekers trying to find work in energy efficiency.
- Intended to reduce and remove barriers to obtaining a job.
- Introduce jobseekers to resources to prepare them for jobs in energy efficiency.
- Direct referrals to open positions within the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program that match jobseeker skillset and experience.



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Summer Internship Program



- Funding provided by Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program.
- Interns are employed for 10-12 weeks, May through August.
- Interns work full-time and tasks must be related to energy efficiency.
- Assistance available to connect with jobseekers.
- Encouraged to hire interns onto staff after the internship period.
- For more information, visit AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Internship.



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Copay Assistance



- Some small businesses that are approved for energy efficiency projects may be eligible for copay assistance.
- Copay assistance is reserved for nonprofits and diverse-owned businesses within the Ameren Illinois service territory.
- Copay amount awarded is based on need and available funding.
- Apply for copay assistance at AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Copay.

Resource Grants



- Available to Diverse Program Allies, Community-Based Organization Partners, Diverse Program Ally Incubator Alumni and Community Action Agencies and the contractors they work with.
- Grants are available to support business operations and should be applied to tasks and functions that relate to energy efficiency.
 - For example, a resource grant may be used to purchase equipment needed to complete energy efficiency projects or as short-term supplemental salary support for an employee.
- For more information about resource grants, contact Alex Deeb at adeeb@ameren.com.

Questions?

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THE POWER OF PURPOSE



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Testimonial



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Agenda



- Testimonial
- Three Keys to Purpose:
 - › Power to Rise Above Challenges
 - › Power of Connection
 - › Power of Accountable Stewardship



Bishop James A. Wills, Pastor Love Fellowship Christian Church, President and founder of Illinois Pastor's Coalition



Power to Rise Above Challenges

- Purpose of Pastors Coalition
- Challenges Pastors were facing in Decatur, IL

Power of Connection

- Pastors Coalition partnership with Ameren Illinois
- We need each other
- There is power in unity



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The Power of Accountable Stewardship

- Help somebody else
- Speak up and reach out



Thank you

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