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Illinois Green Economy Network FY24 Annual Membership

Overview:

The Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) is a consortium open to all 39 Illinois community college districts, formed in 2008 through an intergovernmental agreement. IGEN’s mission is to provide a platform for collaboration among all Illinois community colleges and their partners to drive growth of the clean energy economy and green workforce. IGEN’s vision is for the Illinois community college system to be a global leader in transforming the economy and education for a sustainable future.

IGEN’s approach leverages the power of a sustainability network with the 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. There are eight areas of focus that guide the work, including: building sciences, energy, manufacturing, natural resources, sustainable food, transportation, waste, and water resources. IGEN has successfully managed the implementation of numerous grant-funded sustainability-related initiatives and programs at Illinois community colleges statewide, totaling over \$30 million. IGEN is led by an administrative team that receives direction from a Presidents’ Steering Committee. Heartland Community College serves as IGEN’s administrative agent and Joliet Junior College serves as IGEN’s fiscal agent.

Membership:

As members of the network, Illinois community college districts are eligible for funding and participation, as defined in the following table.

The following are the membership options for FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024):

- 1) **General member:** Any Illinois community college district is annually eligible to be a general member of the network. General members are required to commit to \$3,000 in annual dues*.
- 2) **Member with lead status:** Any member is annually eligible to achieve lead status. Lead status is granted to any member voluntarily contributing a minimum of \$7,000 annually, in addition to the required \$3,000 in annual dues. An annual commitment of at least \$10,000 is required to achieve membership with lead status.

*Note that annual dues from members are used to fund advocacy and legislative efforts for the network.

Please review the below table for additional comparison information, including benefits and current members. Member colleges are expected to designate a liaison to attend regular monthly network calls and serve as the main point of contact for their college.

Membership Options	Annual Dues	Benefits	Current Members
General member	\$3,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$5,000 for activities, programs, and projects for education and training in energy efficiency and/or renewable energy (subject to approval by the IGEN administrative team) - Eligible for additional funding for activities, programs, and projects for education and training in energy efficiency and/or renewable energy (competitive process, subject to criteria and evaluation, and based on budget limitations and grant requirements) - Access to consultant services and partnerships (as determined and identified by IGEN) - Participation in the competition for grants within the scope of work as defined by the IGEN administrative team and Presidents' Steering Committee - Assistance with efforts in sustainability from the IGEN administrative team - Opportunity for at least one representative to attend the annual conference for the network with lodging at designated hotel covered or reimbursed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - College of DuPage - Elgin Community College - Harper College - Illinois Eastern Community Colleges - Illinois Valley Community College - John Wood Community College - Kaskaskia College - Moraine Valley Community College - Oakton Community College - Parkland College - Rend Lake College - Richland Community College - Rock Valley College - Southeastern CC - South Suburban CC - Triton College - Waubensee Community College
Member with lead status	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$5,000 for activities, programs, and projects for education and training in energy efficiency and/or renewable energy (subject to approval by the IGEN administrative team) - Eligible for additional funding for activities, programs, and projects for education and training in energy efficiency and/or renewable energy (competitive process, subject to criteria and evaluation, and based on budget limitations and grant requirements) - \$10,000 for offset salary for a designated liaison to coordinate and participate with the IGEN administrative team - Access to consultant services and partnerships (as determined and identified by IGEN) - Participation in the competition for grants within the scope of work as defined by the IGEN administrative team and Presidents' Steering Committee - Assistance with efforts in sustainability from the IGEN administrative team - Opportunity for at least one representative to attend the annual conference for the network with lodging at designated hotel covered or reimbursed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carl Sandburg College - City Colleges of Chicago - College of Lake County - Danville Area CC - Heartland CC - John A. Logan CC - Joliet Junior College - Kankakee CC - Lake Land College - Lewis and Clark CC - Lincoln Land CC - McHenry County College - Morton College - Prairie State College - Rend Lake College - Sauk Valley CC - Shawnee CC - Southwestern Illinois College - Triton College

Important Next Steps:

Please confirm your college district's membership status for FY24 by completing and returning the **Letter of Commitment and Intent to Participate** form (page 4 of this document) by **May 31st**.

After confirming membership, IGEN's fiscal agent, Joliet Junior College, will distribute an invoice and IGEN will send a contract/sub-award for funding and participation. Invoice to be paid before Aug. 1st, 2023.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thank you!

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