

# LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Growing New Energy Jobs Downstate

**JUNE 27, 2017 - 9AM to 3:30PM**

Lincoln Land College, Springfield

or

**JUNE 28, 2017 - 9AM to 3:30PM**

Illinois Central College, East Peoria



<b>TIME</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Team Introductions</b> <i>Pam Richart, Eco-Justice Collaborative</i>
9:15 am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Cindy Winland, Director of Community Planning, Delta Institute <i>Introduction by Carol Hays, Prairie Rivers Network</i>
10:00 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 am	<b>Panel Discussion, Future Energy Jobs Act</b> <i>Moderated by Terri Treacy, Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter</i> Q & A will follow panel presentations  What is the FEJA? How can it help bring jobs to Southern Illinois? What resources are available for projects and training, and how can they be accessed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• David McEllis, Environmental Law &amp; Policy Center</li><li>• Shannon Fulton, StraightUp Solar</li><li>• Anne McKibbin, Elevate Energy</li><li>• Ingrid Schwingler, GRID Alternatives</li><li>• Illinois Green Economy Network</li></ul>
11:30 am	<b>Funding</b> What opportunities exist to help communities become project ready? <i>Cindy Winland, Delta Institute</i>
Noon	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Round Table Discussions</b> <i>Andrew Rehn, Prairie Rivers Network</i>  Choose three from the five offered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solar</li><li>• Solar for All</li><li>• Energy Efficiency</li><li>• Funding</li><li>• Workforce Development</li></ul>
3:00 pm	<b>Round Table Results</b> <i>Cindy Winland, Delta Institute</i>
3:20 pm	<b>Next Steps and Wrap Up</b> <i>Pam Richart, Eco-Justice Collaborative</i>
3:30 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>



## MEET THE PRESENTERS

**[Cindy Winland, Director of Planning, Delta Institute.](#)** Delta is a non-profit organization that works to build a resilient economy through sustainable solutions. Cindy leads Delta's community planning portfolio, helps drive organizational strategy and manages Delta's programs focusing on coal transition, urban infrastructure and sustainable development. Winland is an urban planner with almost thirty years of experience in the Great Lakes region, working with urban and rural municipalities, nonprofits, professional organizations, and the academic community. Before joining Delta, she owned a consulting firm based in Midland, MI, where she led efforts around brownfield redevelopment, alternative energy planning, and sustainable master planning. She earned a Master of Urban Planning and a BA in Economics at University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**[David McEllis, Environmental Law and Policy Center \(ELPC\).](#)** David is ELPC's Government Affairs Representative. He works on state energy legislative issues and recently served as Senior Legislative Counsel in the Office of the Illinois Senate and as lead Senate Democratic staffer for the Senate Energy & Public Utilities and Senate Labor Committees.

**[Shannon Fulton, StraightUp Solar.](#)** Shannon joined StraightUp Solar in 2013 as Director of Illinois Business Development. She is past President of the Illinois Solar Energy Association and is a Solar Ambassador for WeCare Solar, a non-profit that equips medical clinics in developing countries with solar power for lighting and emergency communication.

**[Anne McKibbin, Elevate Energy \(EE\).](#)** EE designs and implements efficiency programs that lower costs, protect the environment, and ensure that the benefits of energy efficiency reach those who need it most. Anne leads EE's policy department, where she helps staff and clients understand how the political landscape affects strategy and vice versa.

**[Ingrid Schwingler, GRID Alternatives.](#)** GRID Alternatives is the country's largest nonprofit solar installer. Their solar systems have resulted in \$256 million in savings for low-income families, and provided training for 30,500 individuals. Ingrid's policy and regulatory work supports GRID's mission for a successful transition to clean, renewable energy includes everyone!

**[Illinois Green Economy Network \(IGEN\).](#)** IGEN, is a consortium of Illinois community colleges working together to share resources, common experiences and best practices to help grow the new green economy.

**[Cindy Winland, Director of Planning, Delta Institute.](#)** Cindy will present funding opportunities for communities.

## MEET THE TEAM

**[Pam and Lan Richart, Eco-Justice Collaborative \(EJC\).](#)** Pam is a land planner, and Lan an ecologist. They left their land use planning firm to start EJC, where they now serve as co-directors. EJC advocates sustainable solutions that respond to social, economic and environmental challenges faced by communities.

**[Carol Hays and Andrew Rehn, Prairie Rivers Network \(PRN\).](#)** Carol is Executive Director of PRN and Andrew is the organization's Water Resources Engineer. PRN advocates public policies and cultural values that sustain the ecological health and biological diversity of water resources and aquatic ecosystems.

**[Cindy Winland, Delta Institute.](#)** See above.

**[Terri Treacy, Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter.](#)** Terri represents the Chapter's conservation agenda to the state legislature and administrative agencies. Working in cooperation with the volunteer leadership, she plans and implements the chapter's approved legislative and administrative advocacy program.

**[Jen Walling, Illinois Environmental Council \(IEC\).](#)** IEC promotes sound policy and protections for land, air, water, wildlife, and human health in the State of Illinois. As Executive Director, Jen lobbies on behalf of IEC's nearly 80-member organizations on a wide range of issues.