

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE - Growing New Energy Jobs Downstate

WORKING AGENDA, Round #2

Southeastern Illinois College

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 • 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

OPENING	
9:00 am to 9:50 am	<p>Welcome and Introduction Basics of FEJA (what you need to know going into these workshops)</p>
TIME	AGENDA ITEM
9:50 am to 10:00 am	Move to workshops
10:00 am to 11:15 pm	<p>Workshop I - Community Solar What is community solar, and how can I participate (as a consumer or project developer)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentives and how to access them. • Working with Ameren. • Limitations by rural electric cooperatives. • Funding options. • Building solar on brownfields / mined lands. • FEJA timeline. <p>Workshop leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Knox, WindSolar USA. Michell is both founder and owner of WindSolarUSA, Inc., a turn-key renewable energy company located in Central Illinois. <p>Target Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested landowners. • Businesses and industry. • Elected officials. • Church leaders. • Institutions (hospitals, schools, etc.). • Economic development coordinators. • Regional planning Commission directors / boards. • Solar installers.
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10:00 am to 11:15 pm	<p>Workshop III - Solar for All What is Solar for All, and why is it important?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to solar for economically-disadvantaged populations. • How to integrate with energy efficiency programs. • Providing job training and hiring job trainees. • Maximizing community participation for solar projects. • Best practices and case studies. • FEJA timeline. <p>Workshop leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingrid Schwingler, GRID Alternatives. GRID is the country's largest nonprofit solar installer, focusing their work in economically-disadvantaged communities. <p>Target Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce training programs coordinators.. • Economic development coordinators. • Church leaders. • Community-based organizations. • Elected officials.

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11:30 pm to 12:30 pm	<p>Workshop II - How to Work with Rural Electric Cooperatives</p> <p>What does it mean for community solar, now:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rural Cooperatives and utilities excluded from FEJA ● Arguments by cooperatives against community solar. ● Countering those arguments with facts. ● Mobilizing for change. <p>Workshop Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michelle Knox, WindSolar USA, Inc.. Michell is both founder and owner of WindSolarUSA, Inc., a turn-key renewable energy company located in Central Illinois. <p>Target Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● General public. ● Economic development coordinators. ● Regional planning commission boards and directors. ● Elected officials. ● Community-based organizations. ● Church leaders. 	11:30 am to 12::30 pm	<p>Workshop IV - How to get into the Solar Energy Field</p> <p>What are the job opportunities in solar energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What professions are most needed. ● Certification and training. ● Training associated with the Solar for All Program. <p>Workshop leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aur Beck. Advanced Energy Solutions Group, Inc. Aur is both founder of and chief tech for AES, a design/build electrical contractor specializing in the design and installation of solar electric systems. <p>Target Audience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coal miners. ● Labor. ● General public.