

Illinois Community College Board

ILLINOIS GREEN ECONOMY NETWORK UPDATE

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 green economy. 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. Since its inception, 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 Lewis and Clark Community College serves as IGEN's fiscal agent. A brief network update will be provided, including 2019 active membership and highlights of projects, as well as 2020 benefits of membership and opportunities for funding and programing.