



Green Government Symposium

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

Registration at 9:30 AM

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

**Illinois Department of Natural
Resources Building**

One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL

The Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council is charged with coordinating state policies and projects to reduce pollution and incorporate resource conservation into government operations. On April 19, 2006, the Council will host the first annual Green Government Symposium, which will focus on ways to make healthy communities and workplaces. The event is free and open to the public. State employees, local governments, schools and members of the environmental community are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register for the event, please visit GreenSolutions.il.gov.

**10:00 AM: Welcome and Announcement
of Green Government Awards**

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn will welcome participants to the symposium and announce the recipients of the Council's Green Government Awards, recognizing outstanding environmental leadership and innovative environmental accomplishments by Illinois state agencies and employees.

10:30 AM: Session 1A

Green Building Practices in Illinois

This session will address the state's green building activities, with studies of facilities including Springfield's Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building. A panel will also discuss steps state agencies and organizations can take if they are interested in green building practices, touching on energy efficiency, water conservation, and natural landscaping techniques.

10:30 AM: Session 1B

Greening Your Office

This session will focus on ways state agencies and organizations can "green" their offices by forming green teams, brainstorming ideas for new projects, setting goals and building momentum towards those goals. A panel will include state employees from agencies

that have successfully established environmental programs and improved the efficiency of their office operations.

11:15 AM: Break

11:30 AM: Session 2

Green Purchasing and Vendor Fair

This session will include a presentation on the green products the state of Illinois currently purchases and uses in its daily operations. Symposium participants will be able to view samples and displays of green products from an array of commercial vendors.

12:30 PM: Lunch

1:30 PM: Session 3

Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling

This session will outline successful ways to reduce waste and expand recycling programs at state agencies, non-profit organizations and local municipalities. A panel will address the benefits of recycling and going "paperless" at work.

2:15 PM: Session 4C

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

This session will include presentations on energy performance contracting and the state's efforts to incentivize energy efficiency. Panelists will discuss energy savings practices and funding opportunities available in Illinois.

2:15 PM: Session 4D

Sustainable Transportation

This session will address sustainable transportation, providing information on the benefits of purchasing greener vehicles, carpooling and car-sharing, and using mass transit.

3:00 PM: Final Session and Wrap-up

In this interactive forum, participants can ask presenters questions and share ideas for greening government and local communities. The Council will distribute feedback forms for participants to fill out about the day's discussions and specific green projects they would be interested in promoting.

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