



Invitation to Present at the 2008 Sustainable Government Symposium

The Illinois Green Governments Coordinating Council invites you to submit a proposal to present at the 2008 Sustainable Government Symposium, scheduled for Friday, December 12 in Springfield at the Department of Agriculture building on the State Fairgrounds.

The Sustainable Government Symposium attracts about 100 representatives from Illinois state agencies, boards, commissions, and educational institutions. Attendees include directors, program managers, purchasing officers, building managers, fleet managers, IT specialists, and others involved in greening agency operations and policies.

The Council aims to provide a diverse program at this year's symposium, covering a wide variety of sustainability topics that impact Illinois state agencies. If you are a representative of a state agency, federal agency, local government, non-profit organization, educational institution, or business, please consider submitting a proposal on your area of expertise. *Please keep in mind that the presentation should be targeted toward the audience of state agency representatives.*

Proposal submission guidelines

Please include the following items in your proposal:

- A one-paragraph summary or description of your speaking topic
- A one-paragraph speaker's biography
- A sample or draft version of your presentation (PowerPoint or PDF; maximum of 15 slides). This need not be a final or complete version of your presentation. Symposium speaking periods are approximately 15 minutes each, so please plan your presentation accordingly.

Please submit complete proposals by e-mail to Jamie Caston at jamie.caston@illinois.gov. *The deadline for proposal submissions is 5:00pm on Friday, October 31.* We plan to notify selected speakers by Friday, November 14 in order to allow time for planning travel to Springfield.

Suggested presentation topics

Symposium presentations may cover one of the following topics or a topic of your own interest:

- Air quality (indoor and outdoor)
- Alternative and renewable energy
- Climate change and carbon reduction
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Environmental health
- Environmental justice
- Financing green initiatives
- Green building and facilities management
- Green jobs and enterprise development
- Green procurement
- Land use planning and conservation
- Landscaping and grounds maintenance
- Local and organic food and farming
- Pollution prevention
- Recycling and waste management
- Stormwater management
- Sustainability legislation
- Sustainable transportation
- Water quality and conservation