

Invitation to Present at the 2009 Sustainable University Symposium

Governor Quinn's Office invites you to submit a proposal for presenting at this year's Sustainable University Symposium, to be held at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL on Friday, July 24, 2009.

We aim to provide a diverse program at this year's symposium, covering a wide variety of sustainability topics that impact Illinois communities. If you are a representative of an Illinois municipality, non-profit organization, educational institution, business, or community group, please consider submitting a proposal to present on your area of expertise.

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 10 slides and 10MB in total size). Note that 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.

We are seeking presenters for both plenary sessions and breakout sessions, which have a smaller audience and a moderated discussion component. If you have a preference between these two presentation formats, please indicate a preference in your proposal.

Please submit complete proposals by e-mail to Jamie.Campbell@illinois.gov or by mail on a CD to Jamie Campbell, Office of the Governor, 100 W. Randolph, Ste. 15-200, Chicago, IL 60601.

The deadline for proposal submissions is 5:00pm on Friday, May 22. We plan to notify selected speakers within approximately two weeks after the deadline.

Suggested presentation topics:

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

- Air quality (indoor and outdoor)
- Alternative and renewable energy
- Climate change and carbon reduction
- Community outreach
- Energy efficiency and retrofits
- Environmental health
- Environmental justice
- Financing green initiatives
- Green building
- Green jobs and enterprise development
- Green procurement and municipal operations
- Land use planning and conservation
- Landscaping
- Local and organic food and farming
- Pollution prevention
- Recycling and waste management
- Stormwater management
- Sustainable construction and maintenance

- Sustainable dining
- Sustainable municipal ordinances
- Sustainable transportation
- Sustainability in curricula
- Water efficiency and conservation