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### **Energy Education Council creates new Energy Efficiency Task Force**

(SPRINGFIELD, Ill.) -- The creation of the online Energy Efficiency Resource Center was an important step in creating and providing a convenient place for a comprehensive listing of available programs and resources. Now the Energy Education Council is taking the next significant step to connecting resources to those looking for them.

The newly created Energy Efficiency Task Force brings together University of Illinois research and educational leaders, and utility, government, and non-profit organization leaders in an exciting new forum to share and collaborate on mutually important endeavors to turn vital information into knowledge that will be put to use on a broad scale.

This diverse team will help to build relationships between educators, government programs, utilities and the consumers they serve, connecting research, learning opportunities and project opportunities with those who need and will use them to reduce energy use and costs.

As Illinois moves meet new state mandates and implement new and expanding energy efficiency programs, the need for a comprehensive, centralized network of available resources will only become more urgent. The information generated by this task force will help to build important new relationships and a network of resources and research that will be shared with public as well as private entities engaged in helping Illinois to become more energy efficient and environmentally aware.

Participants include the U of I Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC), Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), utility representatives from Ameren, ComEd, Illinois cooperatives and municipal utilities, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, and University of Illinois Extension.

EEC Board member Greg Lovett, whose Ameren responsibilities include efficiency marketing, is Board Liaison for the group. Additional organizations will be added as the effort expands.

The Energy Education Council is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety and energy efficiency. Established in 1952, the Council is headquartered within the University of Illinois Extension, and serves as a forum for diverse utility and energy organizations to collaborate on the mutually vital issues of efficiency and safety. Learn more at [www.EnergyEdCouncil.org](http://www.EnergyEdCouncil.org).

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