



ILLINOIS RENEWABLE ENERGY  
CONFERENCE

# Agenda

## Day 1 – September 20

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4 – 5 PM      Wind and Solar 101  
*Dr. Matt Aldeman, Illinois State University*  
*Dr. David Loomis, Strategic Economic Research*

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5 – 7 PM      Welcome Reception

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## Day 2 – September 21

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8 – 8:30 AM      Welcome  
*Dr. David Loomis, Strategic Economic Research*

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8:30 – 9 AM      Keynote Session  
*Doug Scott, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission*

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9 – 10 AM      Energy Policy Panel  
*Doug Scott, Chairman, Illinois Commerce Commission*  
*Brian Granahan, Acting Director, Illinois Power Agency*  
*Hilary Scott-Ogunrinde, Deputy Director, Illinois DCEO*

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10:15 – 11:15 AM      Breakout Sessions #1

Track A      Interconnection issues  
*Katharine McCormick, Illinois Commerce Commission*  
*Beth Soholt, Clean Grid Alliance*  
*Stephen Bennett, PJM*

Track B      Grid Modernization  
*Brian Cuffle, Ameren*  
*John Albers, SunPower*  
*Will Kenworthy, Vote Solar*

Track C      CEJA Workforce Programs  
*Linda Larsen, University of Illinois*  
*Delmar Gillus, Elevate*

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11:15 - 12:45 PM      Lunch

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12:45 – 1:45 PM	Breakout Sessions #2
Track A	Permitting and Construction <i>Philip Dick, McLean County Zoning Board</i> <i>Dane Simpson, Great Plains LECET</i> <i>Jonathan Calloway, Recall Strategies</i>
Track B	Community Renewable Transitions <i>Sarah Wochos, New Leaf Energy</i> <i>John Delurey, Vote Solar</i> <i>Amanda Pankau, Prairie Rivers Network</i>
Track C	Equity Requirements <i>Chynna Hampton, Climate Jobs Illinois</i> <i>Nicole Saulsberry, Sierra Club</i> <i>Megha Hamal, Illinois Power Agency</i> <i>Tanvi Shah, Illinois Power Agency</i>

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2 – 3 PM	Breakout Sessions #3
Track A	Technical Issues <i>Mike Hankard, Hankard Environmental</i> <i>Erin Bowen, Cohn Reznick</i> <i>Travis Brown, WEST</i>
Track B	Case Studies – Community Solar, Schools, Residential, Agricultural <i>Scott Tess, City of Urbana, IL</i> <i>Tim Farquer, Williamsfield Schools</i> <i>John Albers, SunPower</i> <i>Callie Heidbreder, USDA</i>
Track C	Renewable Energy Education <i>Jacob Sitati, Chicago Jobs Council</i> <i>Sarah Rudofsky, Chicago Public Schools</i> <i>Chris Miller, Heartland Community College</i>

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3:15 – 3:35 PM	Building social license for the clean energy future <i>Brian Ross, Great Plains Institute</i>
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3:35 – 3:55PM	<i>Tim Farquer, Williamsfield Schools</i>
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3:35 – 4:15 PM	Where do we go from here? <i>Anthony Star, Illinois Power Agency</i>
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4:15 – 4:30 PM	Closing Remarks <i>Dr. David Loomis, Strategic Economic Research</i>
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4:30 PM	Adjourn
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## additional information

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Three breakout tracks:

A – Utility Wind and Solar

B – Community, Rooftop, and Ground-Mounted Solar

C – Renewable Energy Workforce

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Agenda will be updated regularly, check back for new speakers and topics.

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