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# Overview of the IQ-S Subcommittees

An Overview of the LIEEAC IQ-S Subcommittees

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December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Agenda

- ▷ IQ-S Subcommittee: AC/High Heat
- ▷ IQ-S Subcommittee: Integrated Clean Energy Plans
- ▷ IQ-S Subcommittee: Diverse Contractors
- ▷ IQ-S Subcommittee: Returning Citizens





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# IQ-S Subcommittee: AC/High Heat

An Overview of the IQ-S AC/High Heat Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee Objectives

- ▶ Create a business case for High-Heat Energy Efficiency Programs for vulnerable customers/communities
- ▶ Create, implement, oversee and evaluate pilot programs to help vulnerable customers/communities manage high heat
- ▶ Create education materials for customers



# Subcommittee Key Questions

- ▷ How do we help people pay for cooling resources?
- ▷ Who should be priority customers?
- ▷ What are pros/cons/costs/energy usage of various measures?
- ▷ Best measure packages for IQ customers in different residential dwelling types?



# Subcommittee Key Questions Continued

- ▷ What census tracts are most at-risk for high heat in Illinois?
- ▷ What outreach will be most effective?
- ▷ What is the best way to educate customers about the dangers of high heat?



# Subcommittee Deliverables

- ▷ Literature review of background research
- ▷ Business case for a High Heat/AC Program
- ▷ High Heat Pilot program proposal(s)
- ▷ Proposal to pay for High Heat Programs
  - Measures and cost of energy



# Questions?





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# IQ-S Subcommittee: Integrated Clean Energy Plans

An Overview of the Integrated Clean Energy Plans Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee Objectives

- ▶ Create a Framework for Community Energy Planning for local governments and CBOs/CAAs to develop “Integrated Clean Energy Plans” for underserved communities
- ▶ Identify available programs/funding sources to help develop and implement Clean Energy Plans in underserved communities



# Subcommittee Key Questions

- ▷ Which communities in Ameren IL have greatest need?
- ▷ What programs or funding sources exist to support development of clean energy resources within their community?
- ▷ What support do communities need to develop a Clean Energy Plan and access available funding?



# Subcommittee Deliverables

- ▶ Literature review of available resources on developing Clean Energy Plans for CBOs/CAAs/Local Governments
- ▶ Flowchart for local governments and CBOs/CAAs to implement Clean Energy Plans based on their goals
- ▶ List of relevant programs/funding sources for CBOs/CAAs and Local Gov to develop and implement their Clean Energy Plans



# Questions?





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# IQ-S Subcommittee: Diverse Contractors

An Overview of the IQ-S Diverse Contractors Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee Objectives

- ▷ Identify and recruit ten (10) additional diverse contractors who are interested in supporting Ameren Illinois' energy efficiency portfolio by the end of 2024.
  - Develop recommendations for identifying, assisting and providing ongoing support to diverse businesses.



# Subcommittee Key Questions

- ▶ What certifications does a diverse contractor need to become an Ameren IL Program Ally? What is the process and existing support for becoming an Ameren IL Program Ally?
- ▶ If under-skilled, understaffed, underfunded, how do we develop diverse contractors so they can successfully participate as an Ameren IL Program Ally? How do we create a pipeline of diverse contractors?
- ▶ What is the best way to identify and engage diverse contractors that want to support Ameren Illinois Program Initiatives?



# Subcommittee Deliverables

## Completed

- ▷ **Literature Review:** Summarizing available research/lessons on developing and supporting diverse contractors, implementers, and professionals
- ▷ **Two-page summary of key learnings** – challenges/opportunities
- ▷ **Business Case:** Developing the Business Case for increasing diverse contractors, implementers, and professionals in the Clean Energy ecosystem.

## In Progress

- ▷ **Identifying and Geomapping Existing Diverse Contractors/Implementers:** Developing a comprehensive list of available diverse contractors and implementers; geomapping the contractors/implementers to identify gaps in service areas



# Questions?





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# IQ-S Subcommittee: Returning Citizens

An Overview of the IQ-S Returning Citizens Subcommittee

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# Subcommittee Objectives

- ▶ The “Returning Citizens” Subcommittee has one overarching objective, which is to:
  - Develop strategies and tactics to further support successful identification, training, hiring and retention of “Returning Citizens” in the EE, solar and related efforts workforce.
  - In 2024, identify and recruit ten (10) Returning Citizens
- ▶ For the purposes of this Subcommittee, “Returning Citizens” *may* also include developing:
  - Strategies and tactics to help prepare those who are “in the system” to join the Clean Energy Workforce for when they are released.
  - Strategies and tactics for those citizens who are eligible for diversion programs from the system.



# Subcommittee Key Questions

- ▷ What constitutes appropriate job skills training, including “soft skills”
- ▷ How to retain and ensure success of Returning Citizens
- ▷ How to support employers who hire Returning Citizens
- ▷ What programs exist in other states that have done a good job in training and job placement for returning citizens - can we benchmark our progress/program against these?



# Subcommittee Key Questions Continued

- ▶ How can we remove barriers to progress of returning citizens when they re-enter the workforce?
- ▶ How do we get organizations to be comfortable with hiring returning citizens?



# Subcommittee Deliverables

## Completed

- ▷ **Background Research Summary:** Summary of background documents and “learned knowledge,” plus organized documents on Subcommittee SharePoint Site

## In Progress

- ▷ **Tool for Job Seekers:** Written summary of skills, knowledge, support available for Returning Citizen job seekers and employees
- ▷ **“Business Case”** for Hiring Returning Citizens:
- ▷ **Tools for Employers:** Written summary of employer behaviors, appropriate management practices, support for employers who are seeking to hire or have hired Returning Citizens, including:
- ▷ **Plan for identifying and recruiting ten (10) Returning Citizens**
- ▷ 6 members on subcommittee are our technical experts



# Questions?

