

7. CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

7.14. ACCEPTANCE OF THE ILLINOIS CLEAN JOBS WORKFORCE NETWORK PROGRAM GRANT (YEAR 2)

Grantor: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Amount: \$1,234,297.00

Period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Type: Competitive

Matching Funds: None

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Purpose: The Illinois Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program is a statewide initiative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) established through the Illinois Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), PA 102-662. The Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program facilitates the creation of Illinois Clean Job Program delivery hub sites, or "Workforce Hubs" throughout Illinois. College of Lake County, in partnership with Lake County Workforce Development, will continue a Workforce Hub in Waukegan, which was identified by the DCEO as one of the hub locations. Through this partnership and the grant funds, CLC and Lake County Workforce Development will provide recruitment, case management, barrier reduction, participant stipends, and training and educational programming leading to credentials and employment in clean energy jobs.

This acceptance represents funding for Year 2 of three anticipated years of the grant.

Recommendation: Accept Year 2 of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity "Illinois Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program" grant in the amount of \$1,234,297.00.