CHAMPAIGN COUNTY BOARD ENVIRONMENT and LAND USE COMMITTEE (ELUC) ADDENDUM



County of Champaign, Urbana, Illinois Thursday, January 5, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Lyle Shields Meeting Room Brookens Administrative Center 1776 E. Washington St., Urbana

VII. For Information Only

B. Countywide Bulk Solar Energy System Purchasing Program (Solar U-C 2.0)



- DATE: January 3, 2017
 - TO: Environment and Land Use Committee
- FROM: Susan Monte, Planner
 - RE: Countywide Bulk Solar Energy System Purchasing Program (Solar U-C 2.0) Information Only

Now in its second year, the group described below is seeking to improve its diversity and invites stakeholders to participate who live and/or work in unincorporated Champaign County.

"Urbana is again leading a county-wide <u>bulk solar energy system purchasing program</u> open to all residential and commercial properties in Champaign County. You may know that this program helped 81 persons sign contracts for new solar arrays in the County, making it one of the most successful programs of its kind in the country. This program is led by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) and the City of Urbana with MREA as the party contracting with a competitively selected solar installer.

We will repeat our process from round one of this program by utilizing the Urbana Sustainability Advisory Commission (SAC) and several additional stakeholders from other communities as a Solar U-C Advisory Committee. The additional stakeholders are invited to participate in three ways:

- 1. Join the SAC at their 7pm January 10 meeting in Urbana Council Chambers to review and advise on the draft RFP to be used to select a solar installer.
- 2. Join the SAC at their 7pm February 7 meeting in Urbana Council Chambers to review and advise on bid selection for a solar installer.
- 3. Collaborate with Solar U-C 2.0 partners to schedule and promote Solar Power Hour events where residents will learn how to participate in the bulk solar purchase program."

Please notify Scott Tess (contact information below) with questions or to let him know if you or an interested stakeholder that you identify (e.g., interested resident of unincorporated Champaign County or business owner in unincorporated Champaign County) is able to participate on Jan 10 and Feb 7. Further information will be forthcoming via email, once participants are identified.

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