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Manar signs grant agreement for \$75,000



Carlinville - Macoupin County and the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) were recently awarded a grant of \$75,000 to assist businesses and commercial building owners located in Macoupin County to make needed improvements to their structures. The grant, titled "Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant", focuses on both reduction of energy consumption and job creation.

"This grant is a great way to assist small business owners in Macoupin County. If qualified, they have the ability to receive reimbursements from both Ameren and the grant funds through the County. I urge all business and commercial building owners who are considering energy efficiency upgrades to call MEDP about their project. With many contractors located right here, it is an opportunity to keep work in the county and lower energy consumption," stated Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar.

The Macoupin County program will work in conjunction with Ameren Illinois' Act on Energy program. Interested building owners may visit www.actonenergy.com. If the project meets the eligibility requirements and the building owner completes the activities found under the "For My Business" tab on the website, they will receive the specified rebate.

Macoupin County and MEDP have received this grant through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and West Central Development Council to supplement the Act on Energy program. Approved projects may pay up to 100% of the remaining costs after the building owner has applied for and received rebates from Ameren Illinois.*

Qualifications:

1. Building must be located in a MEDP community before October 15, 2010...Benld, Brighton, Bunker Hill, Gillespie, Modesto, Mt. Olive, Palmyra, Royal Lakes, Scottville, Staunton.

2. Building owner must apply for and be accepted for rebates from Ameren Illinois' Act on Energy program.
3. Once accepted for rebates under the Act on Energy program, the project may apply for additional rebates from MEDP.

Qualifying Projects:

- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ HVAC Systems
- ✓ Refrigeration Upgrades
- ✓ Replacement of building windows and doors

Application Process:

Projects that meet the requirements set forth above may apply for incentives through the MEDP program. Projects may not begin prior to October 15, 2010 and must be completed on or before February 1, 2012. \$400 application and processing fee will be applied. *MEDP reserves the right to determine incentive awards on a case-by-case basis.

Those wishing to apply for the program should first contact MEDP to discuss the project. MEDP will determine if projects meet the program requirements. Application and extended guidelines can be found at www.macoupinpartners.com/html/grant_funding.html.

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Caption:

Macoupin County Board Chairman Andy Manar signs the Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency grant agreement for \$75,000 supported by MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht and Village of Brighton Mayor Wayne Schafer.