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Small Business Grant Available Now

A grant is available 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 is a great way for qualified small businesses and commercial building owners to receive funding on projects they were planning to do or have already begun. MEDP has really tried to make the process concise and uncomplicated for our applicants," MEDP Executive Director Shari Albrecht said. "If you have a project in mind, I hope you'll contact me for additional details."

MEDP and Macoupin County 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 or unincorporated Macoupin County.
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

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:

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director of MEDP, unveils the Build Macoupin County Energy Efficiency Grant at the Macoupin County Board monthly meeting.