



Illinois Energy Efficiency Funding Update

Dear Friends,

On May 31st, 2015 the Illinois legislature ended its regularly scheduled session. While agreement still has not been reached on the state budget, **significant** progress has been made in protecting the DCEO Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) program, which provides millions of dollars in rebates to public facilities for energy efficiency upgrades.

Prior to the close of the regular session, both the House and Senate passed budget bills to appropriate FULL funding for the DCEO EEPS Program in FY16. While this is terrific news, the budget debate is far from over. After the Senate budget bill passed the Senate filed a motion to reconsider the vote, thereby stalling the legislation to be sent to the Governor in an effort for all leaders to come to a compromise on the legislation.

In moving forward, the Illinois House and Senate will be convening over the summer to work on the budget. As we hear of new developments, we will let you know. In the meantime, we wanted to thank everyone for their calls, letters, and emails to the Governor and Legislature urging them to fully protect and fund DCEO's EEPS Program in the FY16 budget. YOUR action has made a tremendous difference and we applaud the Illinois legislature for passing legislation to restore these funds and applaud Governor Rauner for his support of energy efficiency programming to protect Illinois jobs.

For more information or questions regarding the status of the Illinois DCEO Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard Program, please contact Ashley Harrington at ashley@360eg.com or 312-267-2864.



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