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# **Fueling Communities Forward**

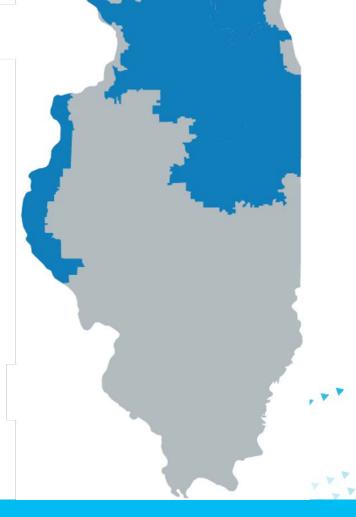
Aaron Miller Regional Manager of Community Affairs Nicor Gas



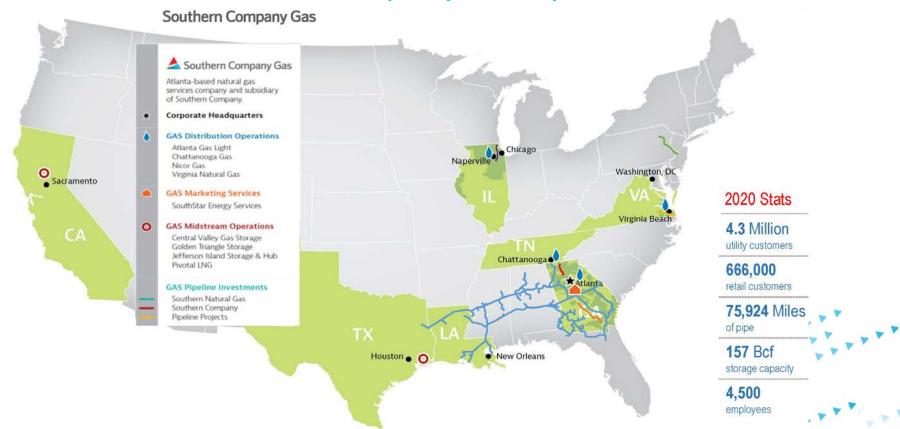
### **About Nicor Gas**

Nicor Gas is the largest natural gas delivery company in Illinois:

- 2.2+ million customers
- 650+ communities served
- 4.6 billion annual therms
- 2,000+ employees
- 34,000 miles of pipe
- 17,000 square miles of service area



# Part of the Southern Company Family



## Natural Gas is key to the clean energy transition

- 80% of customers and many industries depend on natural gas
- 75% of energy needs are met with natural gas in Illinois
- 32% reduction in CO2 emissions since 2005
- 8% growth in natural gas use by Illinois business over a 10-year period





## Nicor Gas by the numbers

- Nicor Gas is an important contributor to the economy – creating jobs, making investments in Illinois
- As the largest natural gas distributor in the state, we are proud to play a significant role in the communities where we live, work and serve



\$20.6м

Rebates distributed through Nicor Gas' Energy Efficiency program



\$2.3M

Support of community, social and charitable programs across the Nicor Gas service area



Covid-19 relief and support





1M

811 utility locates processed to ensure safe digging



2.2<sub>M</sub>

Natural gas meters upgraded





Investing in Illinois



Most figures are based on year-end 2020 data.

### Our vision for communities of the future



**Connected** – with smart technologies to operate affordably, efficiently and with ease



**Resilient** – providing continuous and reliable energy and supporting renewables



Affordable – Infrastructure that currently delivers energy at a cost roughly one quarter that of electricity



**Equitable** – ensuring that clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy is accessible to all communities





## Net Zero Methane by 2030

- We're driving to net zero methane emissions from our operations by 2030.
- Infrastructure Modernization Progress
  - Investing in Illinois Program
  - Elimination of Cast Iron (completed in 2018)
  - Elimination of Copper and PAC Services
  - RCV/SCADA upgrades
  - Storage Field Gathering Line Upgrades



Forward means taking bold steps toward a clean energy future.



## How we can support community sustainability goals

# Community-focused energy efficiency



Customers saved more than 168 million therms



CO2 emissions reduced by more than 893,000 metric tons

# Affordable and reliable clean energy is the foundation for the future

 Renewable natural gas - Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is a sustainable and alternative fuel produced from several sources.



 Hydrogen is a clean fuel that can easily store and deliver usable energy.



# How we can support your sustainability goals

- The Smart Neighborhood Initiative is a partnership to develop a natural gas integrated net-zero community
- Resilient infrastructure to keep our communities connected



The Nicor Gas Smart Neighborhood in Sauk Village will demonstrate affordable, resilient net zero communities

## Energy choice benefits residents and businesses

- Access to natural gas keeps energy costs low
- Business and residential customers saved \$24 billion over a 10-year period because of access to natural gas
- Limiting energy choice may force customers to use highercost energy
- Nicor Gas would like to partner with you to achieve your sustainability goals
- Nicor Gas is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities where we live, work and serve





# Forward means taking bold steps toward a clean energy future.

A net-zero energy future is possible. That's why we're fueling forward with a goal of becoming net-zero methane emissions from our operations by 2030. Learn more at nicorgas.com.







# Exploring Energy and Resiliency Partnerships

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# A Little Background





#### **Our Midwest Footprint**



- Over 300 Midwest projects
- More than 80% of these projects represent multiple phase, return customers
- Guaranteed customer savings in the hundreds of millions of dollars

#### Local team backed by a deep bench



#### **Our National Footprint**

- National leader in designing, constructing, operating, and managing high-performing facilities
- Founded in 1960
- 26 offices nationwide
- 2,100+ employees
- 90+ licensed Professional Engineers
- \$700M annual revenue







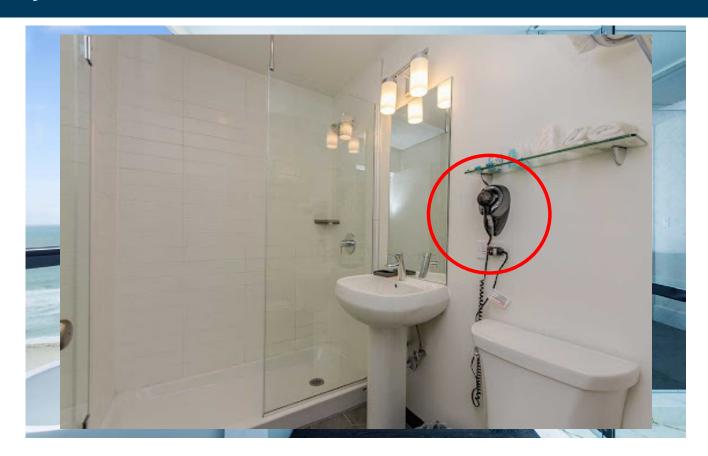
## Removing the Waste from the Built Environment



of the energy in buildings is wasted

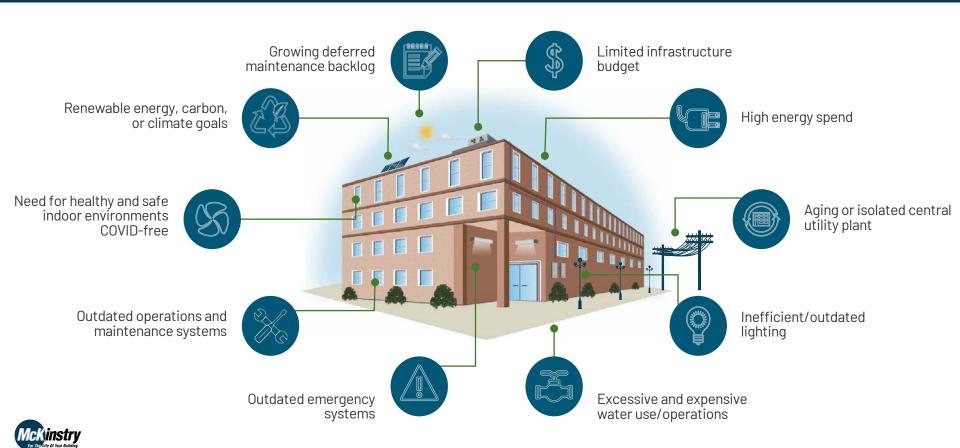


# Why So Much Waste?!

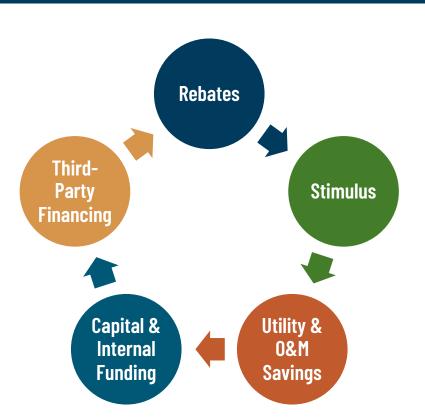




## **Current Challenges**



# If It's Not About the Money, It's About the \$\$\$



#### Rebates

Maximize available utility incentives

#### Stimulus

- Federal/State (COVID)
- Infrastructure Bills
- Appropriation Bills

#### Savings

 Guaranteed utility and operational savings (average 20-40% in buildings)

#### **Capital & Internal Funding**

• Leverage available capital \$s

#### **Third-Party Financing**

- McKinstry works with financing partners
- Short-term, quick payback loans (where we can support rate buydown)



# Federal Funding Opportunities

#### **2021 Appropriations Bill**

#### **Energy and Water**

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Renewable Energy
- Energy Storage Systems
- Energy Efficiencies
- Move to Clean Energy Technology

Timeline = Est. Dec. 2021

#### **2022 Appropriations Bill**

 Identify Projects – similar to 2021 process

Timeline = Sep. - Jan. 2022

 Prepare "Shovel Ready" Applications

Timeline = Jan./Feb. 2022



#### **Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill**

- \$7.5 Billion for EV Charging Infrastructure
- Senate passed waiting for the House
- Identify EV Projects by Aug.-Dec. 2021

Timeline = Dec. 2021

#### "HUMAN" Infrastructure Bill

- Includes Energy Technologies/
   Climate Change focused Projects
- Access to Federal Financing for Clean Energy Projects

Timeline = Dec. 2021







### **Energy Efficiency + Solar Project**

- \$12.3M of Sustainability Projects
- Self-funded from Energy Savings
- Energy Efficiency Upgrades and LED Lighting
- 1.4MW Solar Carport and 6 Rooftop Systems
- MBE/WBE Involvement
- Student Training on Energy Savings through STEM
- 26% Sustainability Plan Achievement







# Questions

Thanks for your time and consideration!







# **Energy Efficiency for Greentown Rockford**

November 12, 2021

# **Agenda**

- >> Introductions
- >> Customer Experience
- >> Overview of the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program
- » Offerings and Case Studies
- » Next Steps for getting involved in the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program
- » Q&A



## **Presenters: External Affairs and Outreach**



Joe Mays
Program Manager
Resource Innovations



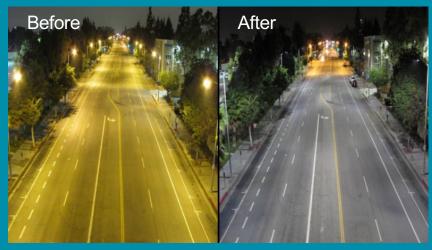
**Kyle Saunders**Public Works Director for Rockford

# **Customer Experience**

**Kyle Saunders** 

# Rockford, IL Municipally-Owned Streetlight Enhancements

- » Facilitated through ComEd's Streetlights in Distressed Communities Energy Efficiency Program
- Secured \$795,975 in program funding
- >> Upgraded 1,782 city-owned fixtures (MH/HPS to LED)
- >> Estimated Annual Energy Savings:
  - 2,069,618 kWh (50% reduction)
- >> Estimated Annual Electric Cost Savings
  - \$101,411 (\$1.5M over 15-year useful life)



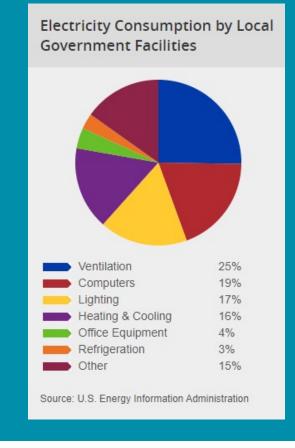
Source: LA Bureau of Street Lighting



# Overview of the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program

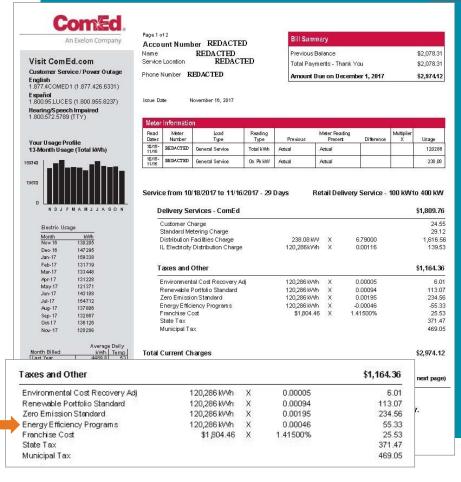
# **Common Municipal Barriers**

- >> Lack of funding and/or high upfront costs
- » Difficulty navigating program/offering details
- >> Uncertainty with project savings
- >> Project timelines and ROI
- >> Lack of staff time, bandwidth, and/or expertise
- Internal decision-making process
- >> Prioritizing energy efficiency amongst competing needs



# **ComEd Energy Efficiency Program**

- You help fund the program!
- » Charge on monthly bill based on kWh usage
- >> Funded in compliance with state law
- » Incentives available to all eligible\* public sector customers within the ComEd service territory



**ComEd. Energy Efficiency** Program

\*Municipalities with franchise agreements do not qualify, since they do not pay into the fund.

# **ComEd Energy Efficiency Program**



FREE Assessments

Whole facilities



Incentives

- Lighting
- **HVAC** systems
- Energy Management Forklift battery Systems
- IT rooms
- New construction
- LED streetlights
- Variable Speed Drives



#### Instant Discounts

- Lighting
- HVAC
  - chargers



Optimization

- Whole-building retrocommissioning
- Rooftop units
- Refrigeration and cooling
- Compressed air

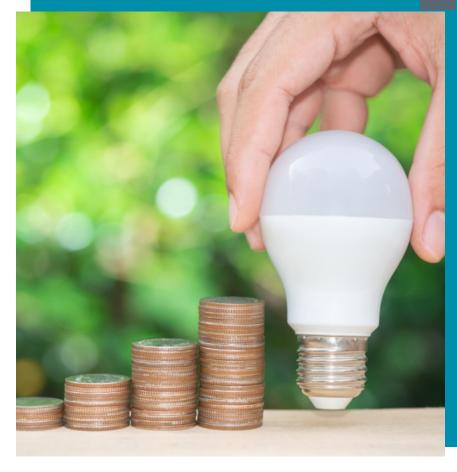
# **Facility Assessments**

- A ComEd representative will walk through your facility and identify a variety of ways to save energy.
- We will deliver a customized assessment report identifying:
  - No-cost/low-cost operational improvements
  - Potential annual energy and dollar savings
  - Incentives
  - Simple payback timeframes
- >> Contact us to schedule your assessment, which can be virtual or in-person\*
- >> ComEd.com/FacilityAssessment



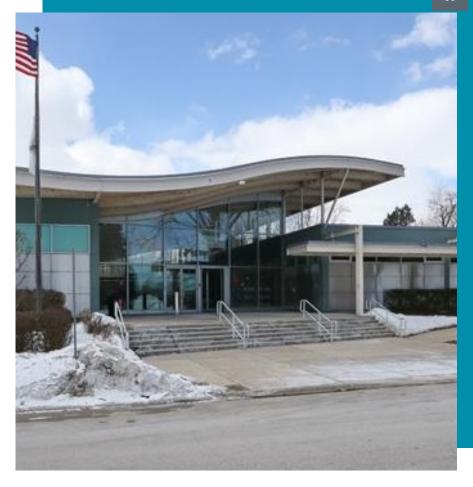
# **Standard Offering**

- » Incentives for upgrades such as <u>lighting\*</u>, <u>HVAC</u>, energy management, compressed air and more
- >> Provides incentives on a per-unit or per-fixture basis
- » No reservation required for incentives of less than \$1,000
  - · No pre-application required!
  - Purchase qualifying equipment and start your project immediately
- Download the standard application and incentive worksheets at <u>ComEd.com/Applications</u>
- » Apply for incentives online at ComEd.com/StandardOnlineApp



# Standard Offering Case Study: Zion-Benton Public Library

- >> Free facility assessment
- » Outdoor and indoor lighting upgrades, plus building energy management system
- >> ComEd incentives reduced project cost by \$12k
- >> Reduced annual energy cost by \$4.2k
  - Savings of 47.6k kWh per year
- >> Estimated project payback of four (4) months



# **Small Business Offering**

- For public sector facilities with peak demand up to 400 kW
- Closed Service Provider network
- » Lead generation supported by Small Business Kit program
  - Call center and Salesforce lead integration



### Small Business Case Study: City of Freeport

- ComEd worked with the city for several projects and incentives:
  - High-bay light fixtures for Road Department truck bays
  - Lights for airport ramp and hangars
  - Estimated annual electric cost savings \$27k (or 301k kWh)
  - Project cost \$115k, incentive \$63k
  - Payback less than 2 years
- Solution Street Stre



# **LED Streetlight Offering**

- >> Municipally owned streetlights
- >> 70 cents per watt reduced
- Incentive not to exceed 75% of total project cost (materials and external labor)
- >> Requirements
  - · Must be lighting the street on a public road
  - Design Lights Consortium (DLC) listed fixture or retrofit kits
  - 10 kV surge protection







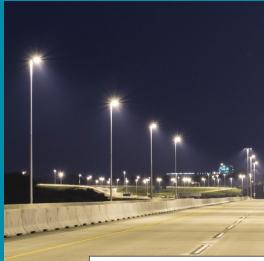
Retrofit kit: Streetlight Incentive



Bulb: Instant Discount

### LED Streetlight Case Study: Village of Montgomery

- » 889 streetlights upgraded to high-efficiency LED fixtures and bulbs
- >> ComEd incentives reduced project cost by 36%
- >> Reduced annual energy cost by \$20k
  - Reduced energy use by 65%



"The impacts of the LED streetlights have been very beneficial for the Village of Montgomery. The ability to perform this work in a phased approach has enabled the Public Works Department staff to perform the change out of light fixtures internally. This was a major benefit to reducing costs of the project and completed the project in a timely manner. The Village looks forward to future benefits such as reduced energy rates, increased visibility for the public, and uniformity in lighting throughout the Village. The process to complete this project with ComEd was streamline and effective."

Mark Wolf, Director of Public Works, Village of Montgomery

### **Custom Offering**

- For project ideas, download the custom incentive ideas at <u>ComEd.com/Custom</u> for energy efficiency improvements that are not included in the Standard offering. For example - Ornamental LEDs and Elevator Regenerative Drives
- Download the Custom incentives fact sheet at ComEd.com/BizIncentives
- For projects in development, submit an optional Custom Intake Form to receive feedback from our engineering team before applying for incentives.
  - Contact your Outreach Professional or email BusinessEE@ComEd.com to request a form

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Energy Efficiency Program

#### CASE STUDY

#### **Custom Incentive Ideas**

Go beyond common retrofits and earn incentives through the ComEd<sup>®</sup> Energy Efficiency Program for facility and process improvements that save energy.

Custom incentives are based on actual energy savings, and options include everything from custom lighting to installing a cogeneration plant. Whether you're installing new light fixtures, adding variable speed drives (VSDs) to equipment motors or making process system enhancements, ComEd can help make your project more cost effective.

Take advantage of incentives that range from 7 to 12 cents per kWh saved depending on your project. Certain upgrades to water and wastewater treatment facilities can earn up to 21 cents per kWh saved. Measurement and verification may be required, but is typically waived for projects with incentives of \$25,000 or less. ComEd offers FREE tools to help you estimate your project's potential energy savings and incentive. It's easier than ever to turn your energy-saving ideas into reality!

Need ideas to get started? Below are completed projects from actual ComEd customers.

#### **Process Cooling**

Project Cost: \$39,560

Incentive Received: \$22,050

Estimated Annual Energy Savings: IB4,000 kWh

Estimated Annual Cost Savings: \$22,050

Estimated Payback Period: 0.8 years



A customer achieved energy savings by replacing 17 stand-abore process chiller units with a more efficient 150-ton central chiller system. In addition to the incentives they received from ComEd, they saved more than 180,000 kWh with a payback of less than one year!

#### Elevator Regenerative Drive

Project Cost: \$141,758 Incentive Received

\$29,556 Estimated Asseal Energy Savings

246,302 kWh Estimated Annual Cost Savings:

\$22,044 Estimated Payback Period: 5.1 years





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### **Instant Discounts**

- Includes point-of-sale discounts on qualified Lighting, HVAC equipment and battery charger products
- Sold through participating distributors
- >> Look for this sticker in stores and save:



#### INSTANT DISCOUNTS

#### LIGHTING PRODUCT CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY

ComEd commercial, industrial and public sector customers are eligible for instant incentives at the time of purchase on qualifying lighting and exit sign products through participating distributors.

Find a participating distributor at ComEd.com/BizLights



SCREW-IN / PIN-BASE / OTHER Products	INCENTIVES	SPECIFICATIONS			
		EMERGY STAR*	DLC" LISTED	UL* Listed*	MON-LISTED CATEGORY
Directional MR lamps	\$3/Lamp	Х			
Directional PAR I6 & 20 lamps	\$6 / Lamp	Х			
Directional PAR 30 lamps	\$8 / Lamp	Х	· .		9
Directional PAR 38 lamps	\$10 / Lamp	Х			
Directional reflector lamps	\$4/Lamp	Х	.9		3
ENERGY STAR fixtures ≤ 20W	\$6 / Fixture	Х			
ENERGY STAR ftxtures > 20W to ≤ 40W	\$10 / Fixture	Х			
ENERGY STAR fixtures > 40W	\$25 / Fixture	Х			
Decorative lamps	\$3/Lamp	Х			
Screw-in HID LED - mogul base ≤ 100 watts	\$25 / Lamp		X		9
Screw-in HID LED - mogul base > 100 watts	\$55 / Lamp		X		
Screw-in HID LED - medium base	\$20 / Lamp				Х
4 Pin-base LED	\$5 / Lamp		Х		
4 Pin-base LED (G24q/GX24q > I8W)	\$5 / Lamp				Х
2 Pin-base LED	\$5/Lamp				Х

<sup>&</sup>quot; Must be UL listed in addition to other specifications noted above.

O ComEd Demo

### **Business Energy Analyzer (BEA)**

- >> Free online tool to help you:
  - · Analyze energy use
  - Manage energy across multiple buildings or sites
  - Explore energy efficiency solutions during your Facility Assessment



Compared To Last Year

Average Daily Usage

2.7150 kWh 
2.243 MWh

2.245 MWh

You've committed to 9 of 32 possible energy-saving. You have 4 active co-workers so far. When your co-

View Your Solutions →

workers get involved in energy management, your

Invite Your Co-workers -

>> Sign up quickly and easily with your account

number and ZIP: ComEd.com/BEA

Office #1 \* Dashboard Account Ranking Analysis Solutions Energy Data Resources

ComEd. powering lives

Energy Tracking Report Feb 7, 2019 - Mar 7, 2019

Dashboard

Compared To Similar Businesses

Compared to this time last year, you used 62% less

energy. You outperformed the average office facility.

Energy Efficiency Program

### Retro-Commissioning (RCx)

- Multi-option offering servicing large commercial, industrial, manufacturing, medical and more facilities
  - RCx Flex offers performance-based incentives for facilities with > 0.5 GWh annual energy use
  - Monitoring-Based Commissioning (MBCx) for 150,000+ square foot facilities with > 2 GWh annual energy use
  - Virtual Commissioning (VCx) offering fullyfunded remote analysis and technical assistance
- >> Provided through authorized Service Providers



### RCx Flex Case Study: Aurora Public Library (Eola Branch)

- » Lighting and air-handling unit automation ensured optimal, situational energy use
- » Duct static pressure, boiler supply temperature reset, and rooftop unit economizer created optimal atmosphere and reduced maintenance needs
- >>> Reduced annual energy cost by \$15k
  - Savings of 166k kWh per year
- » Immediate project payback



### **New Construction**

- Provide Technical Assistance and <u>Incentives</u> for new construction and major renovation projects
- Partners with gas utilities
- >> Eligibility:
  - Minimum of 5,000 ft.<sup>2</sup>
  - · Must engage ComEd early in design
  - Design must exceed current Illinois Energy Conservation Code
  - Must implement significant beyond-code energy conservation measures for at least two of these primary building systems:
    - Envelope
    - Primary HVAC
    - Lighting
    - Qualified refrigeration



### New Construction Case Study: City of Countryside

- >> One of first **NET ZERO** municipal buildings in Illinois
- » Incentives are based on the implementation of beyond-code improvements to the building envelope, lighting and HVAC. Other incentivized energy efficiency measures include:
  - Efficient LED lighting, both interior and exterior
  - Improved window and wall thermal performance
  - Efficient ventilation system (dedicated outdoor air with enthalpy wheel heat recovery)
- >> Reduced annual energy cost by estimated \$18.7k\*
  - Savings of 209k kWh per year



# Strategic Energy Management

- Year-long series of workshops and one-on-one coaching sessions to reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions
- Incentives for energy savings related to low-/no-cost solutions driven by operational and behavioral changes
  - Additional milestone incentives offered for creation of an energy team, non-binding energy charter, and monthly check-ins with Energy Coach
- Statistical energy models for tracking performance and forecasting
- Focus on continuous improvement and integrating Lean Six Sigma
- >> Partners with gas utilities



### Strategic Energy Management: UW Health Sports Factory

- » Participant in the Municipal & Public Sector first-year Cohort in 2020-2021
  - Strong Energy Team that is actively engaged and continues to grow and become more robust for their 2<sup>nd</sup> year in SEM (2021-2022)
- Saved estimated 346k kWh in the first year through the implementation of low-/no-cost projects – a 22% savings reduction of their baseline usage
- >> Reduced annual energy cost by \$31k\*



# Next Steps for Getting Involved

### **Get Started**

- Solution Street
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  - ComEd.com/FacilityAssessment
- Contact your ComEd EE team
  - Call: 1-800-EDISON-1 (1-800-334-7661)
  - Visit the Website: <a href="Months:ComEd.com/PublicSector">ComEd.com/PublicSector</a>
  - Contact your External Affairs (EA) Manager,
     Large Customer Service (LCS) Manager, or
     Outreach Service Provider (OSP)



### **Local Outreach Service Provider (OSP)**



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## **Questions?**

### **Helpful Resources**

### REQUEST A FACILITY ASSESSMENT

ComEd.com/FacilityAssessment

#### **GIVE US A CALL**

855-533-2700

#### **VISIT US ONLINE**

ComEd.com/BusinessSavings ComEd.com/HomeSavings ComEd.com/IncomeEligible

#### **SEND US AN EMAIL**

BusinessEE@ComEd.com PublicSector@ComEd.com

### GET STARTED WITH BUSINESS ENERGY ANALYZER

ComEd.com/BEA

### ACCESS THE ENERGY USAGE DATA TOOL

EnergyUsageData.com

#### ENROLL IN SMART RETURNS VOLUNTARY LOAD REDUCTION PROGRAM (VLR)

SmartReturns@exeloncorp.com

#### TAKE THE FIRST STEP TO GO SOLAR BY LEARNING ABOUT YOUR SOLAR OPTIONS TODAY

ComEd.com/Solar

#### **LEARN MORE ABOUT EV**

ComEd EV Savings, Benefits & Incentives



#### ComEd.

**Energy Efficiency** Program



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### **About Ameresco**

Ameresco (NYSE:AMRC) is a leading energy services company with a comprehensive portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions.

Founded in 2000 | Public in 2010



#### Comprehensive Portfolio

Objective approach and in-house technical expertise delivers the most advanced technologies to meet the unique needs of each customer. Majority of projects are budgetneutral, funded by energy cost savings.



Federal & Municipal Governments, Commercial & Industrial, Higher Ed, K12, Public Housing, Healthcare, Airports. Market reputation across North America & Europe for excellence in customer satisfaction.



**\$10+ Billion** in energy solution projects, 250+ MWe of Owned Assets in Operation



**8,000+ Customers**benefitting from energy
efficiency measures and
renewable energy generation



**1,000+ Employees** providing local expertise throughout United States, Canada, and the UK



Up to 45% Energy cost savings with comprehensive, audit-based improvements



\$3.5+ Billion in Financing sourced and raised for customer projects



In 2019, our renewable energy assets and customer projects delivered a carbon offset equivalent to 11,167,978 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>

### Local Illinois Team



#### REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

10 S. LaSalle Street



#### **OVER \$1 BILLION**

In Illinois Projects



#### M/WBE

Local projects meet or exceed participation requirements



LOCAL
PERFORMANCEBASED
OPERATORS Of

Central Plant Assets



ROBUST LOCAL STAFF

Who Live In Illinois



### LICENSED ILLINOIS

Design Firm / Professional Engineering



#### CHENSED CITY OF CHICAGO

**General Contractor** 



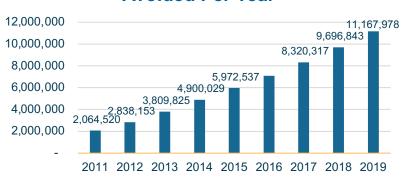
### AMERESCO ?

### Enabling a Low Carbon Future

In 2019, Ameresco's renewable energy assets & customer projects delivered a Carbon Offset equivalent to:

50+ Million Metric Tons of CO2

### Aggregate Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided Per Year



Ameresco's 2019 Carbon Offset of **11,167,978 Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** is equal to one of...

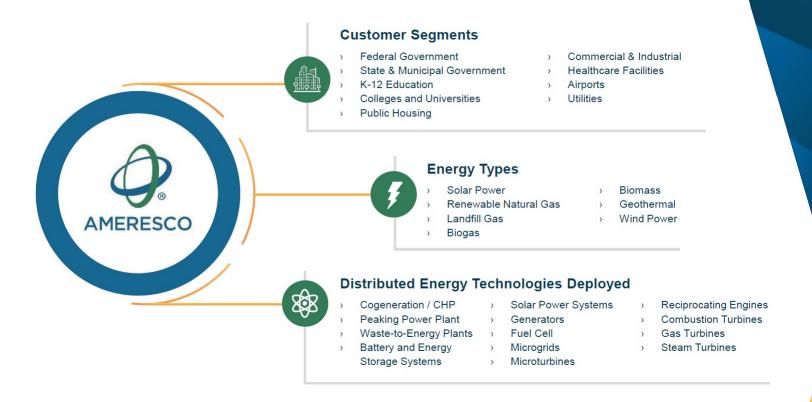


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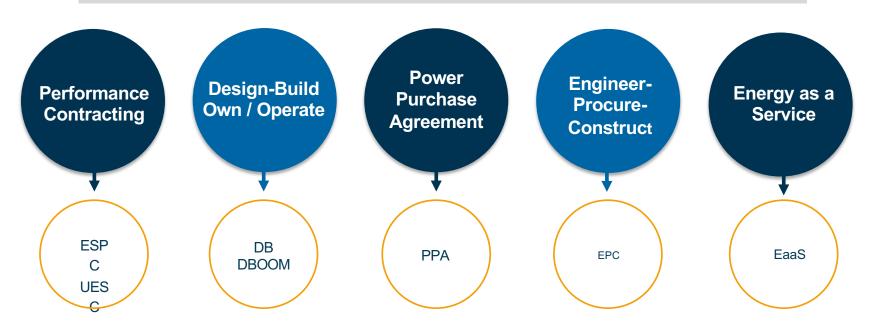
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Carbon sequestered by... 14,584,861
acres of U.S. forests in one year

### Ameresco's Diversified Approach



### Types of Financing Structures

Budget-neutral infrastructure upgrades use energy savings to pay for projects over time.



### Design-Build Examples

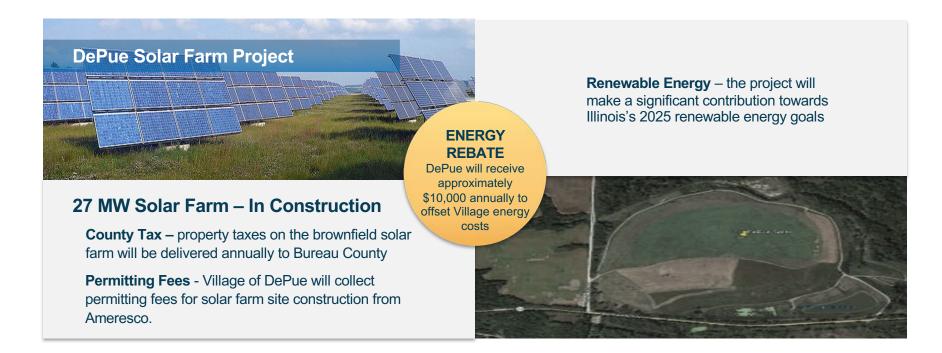


Both projects are receiving funds from the ComEd LED Streetlight Replacement Program

### **Energy Services Performance Contracting**



### Power Purchase Agreement Example



### Long-Term Energy as a Service (EaaS) Agreement



### Design-Build-Own-Operate Example



### Solutions and Savings



### Why Ameresco?



#### Innovative

Ameresco (NYSE:AMRC) is an innovative technology integrator with a comprehensive portfolio of energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions.



### Experts

We deliver a broad and deep solution portfolio within a single energy partner. From design and development to financing and construction, our in-house technical expertise sets us apart.



### Independent

Our objective approach enables us to implement the most advanced technologies to meet the unique needs of each customer.





### Thank You!

#### Ameresco, Inc.

Diana Vargas Senior Account Executive

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