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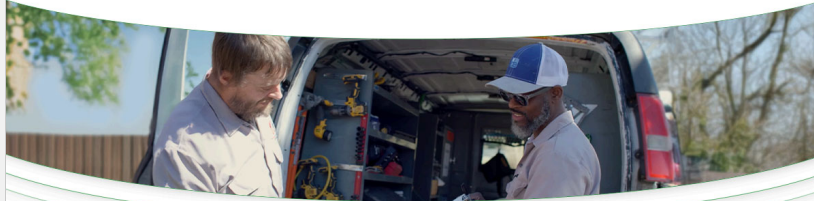
## Program Ally Newsletter

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### GENERAL UPDATES



### ICC Recertification Reminder

The recertification deadline for 2026 is quickly approaching! The deadline for recertifying with the Illinois Commerce Commission is June 1. This installer certification is required by the State of Illinois to receive incentive payments. Please be sure to click below to recertify by the deadline to avoid any incentive payment delays.

[Installer Recertification](#)

*\*Certified installers must still submit the required annual recertification report to the ICC by June 1, along with any missing reports from prior years, in order to be certified in good standing. Late fees imposed for annual recertification reports are discontinued going forward. Questions about late fees for prior years should be directed to [ICC.Part462@illinois.gov](mailto:ICC.Part462@illinois.gov).*

### Program Ally Training Opportunity

#### Heat Pump Controls Configuration and Testing

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2026 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

[Register Now](#)

### BPI Certification Training

If your organization has a need for BPI training and certifications for your staff, see below for upcoming opportunities and contact information for each of the training organizations.

[Environmental Energy Consultants](#)

[Green Training USA](#)

[Midwest Building Performance](#)

[SEEL \(Solutions for Energy Efficient Logistics\)](#)

[Urban Efficiency](#)

### Jobs in the Energy Efficiency Industry

Do you have open positions in your organization? Post them on our Energy Efficiency Jobs Board to find qualified candidates!

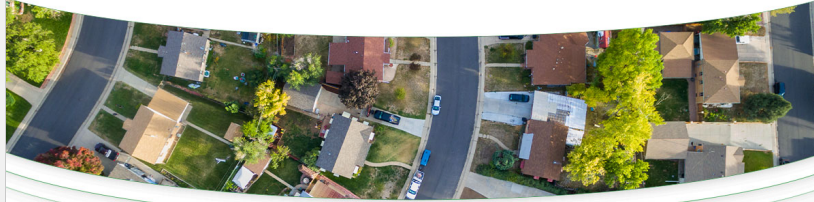
[View Jobs Boards](#)

### Instant Incentives

You can receive instant discounts from participating distributors for eligible HVAC equipment and heat pump water heaters. These are savings you can pass along to your customers right away, with no application necessary! See incentive levels and eligible equipment below.

[View Discounts](#)

## HOME EFFICIENCY INCOME QUALIFIED (HEIQ)



### 2026 Workbook

The 2026 Home Efficiency Income Qualified Workbook and Price Books are now available on the Program Ally Resource Page.

[Download the Workbook](#)

### Household Income Self-Certification Updates

Welcome Abby Hediger, Health and Safety Field Specialist!

The Home Efficiency Income Qualified team is pleased to welcome Abby Hediger to the newly created Health and Safety Field Specialist position, beginning at the end of March 2026.

As the Program has grown, the need for Health and Safety remediation has increased. Nearly one-third of completed projects are made possible due to this important work. To help maintain steady project momentum and support the Program Ally pipeline, Program leadership identified the need for additional dedicated staff and created this role. Abby will primarily focus on addressing remediation projects discovered when Program Allies encounter additional "showstoppers" in the field. She will also be available to conduct follow-up site visits as needed.

Please join us in welcoming Abby to the team!

## HOME EFFICIENCY MARKET RATE



### Program Ally Shoutouts

The Home Efficiency Market Rate team is pleased to recognize two Program Allies who played a key role in testing the new Ally Partner Portal. This portal now allows participating Program Allies to directly enter and submit project reservation and incentive payment requests, helping ensure faster processing.

Thank you to:

- Capital Weatherization – Tim Ferris
- Green Home Weatherization – Kevin McCoy

Their time, feedback and hands-on testing were invaluable and directly contributed to improving the portal ahead of the broader rollout. Need training to use the portal? Please contact Travis Crocker at [tcrocker@ameren.com](mailto:tcrocker@ameren.com) for more information.

### Good News Stories

Do you have a Good News story related to your involvement with the Home Efficiency Market Rate Initiative? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Travis Crocker, Associate Program Manager, at [tcrocker@ameren.com](mailto:tcrocker@ameren.com) to share your experience.

### **NEW! Program Ally Audit Stipend Available**

We're excited to announce a new incentive for Home Efficiency Market Rate Program Allies and their customers. A \$225 Program Ally Audit Stipend is now available to help offset audit costs for customers who proceed to full projects.

Please note: This stipend is limited to 400 projects, so be sure to submit early.

### **Don't Forget!**

Smart thermostats are an approved program measure and qualify for a \$200 incentive. Smart thermostats must be included on project reservation requests for approval prior to installation. Keep an eye out for future recognition of our top thermostat installers!

## **MULTIFAMILY**



### **HVAC and Building Envelope (BE) Workbooks**

The Multifamily team is actively seeking support from Program Allies to identify and advance Income Qualified (IQ) Building Envelope (BE) opportunities. These projects remain a key priority for driving energy savings and improving building performance across the portfolio.

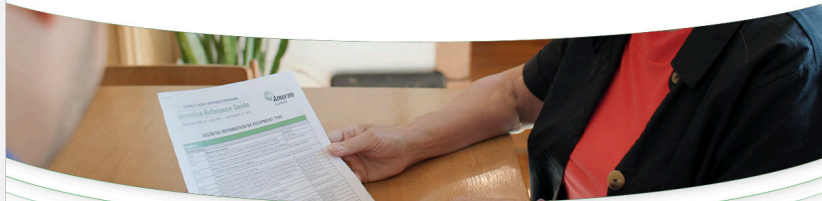
Primary measures include air sealing and attic insulation. The air sealing measure provides incentives for reducing uncontrolled air leakage through ceiling gaps by properly aligning the pressure and thermal boundaries. Eligibility requires primary heating fuel delivered by Ameren Illinois, no health and safety concerns that would prevent blower door testing, and an initial blower door test result (CFM50).

Attic insulation measures provide incentives for increasing insulation levels in ceilings beneath the roof to reduce heat loss and energy transfer. Eligible properties must also have Ameren Illinois-delivered heating and existing insulation levels of R-19 or less.

We encourage Program Allies to bring forward potential opportunities and collaborate with the team to initiate assessments. Please refer to the Multifamily Building Envelope Work Scope for full requirements and measure details.

[View Workbook](#)

## **MARKETING**



### **Program Allies**

As a Registered Program Ally, you can co-brand your marketing materials using the approved Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program Ally logo and text references, as well as order pre-approved co-branded marketing materials.

All co-branded materials created by our Program Allies must be approved by our Program per the [Co-Branding Requirements](#). You can submit a request to have your materials, webpages, social media posts, etc. reviewed and approved by our Program at the link below.

[Submit Co-Branded Material for Review](#)

### **Order Materials on the Program Ally Marketing Portal**

Updated materials for 2026 are now available on the Program Ally Marketing Portal including a Residential Program Overview Brochure, HEIQ Promo Flyer, HEIQ Flyer and Income Chart, HEIQ Application, Home Efficiency Market Rate Flyer and MORE!

Check out **FREE** co-branded marketing materials on the Program Ally Marketing Portal! You can download co-branded marketing materials and/or have printed collateral shipped to you **FREE of charge**.

**Not Registered Yet?**

[Create Account](#)

**Already Registered?**

[Log In Now](#)

**Want Training?**

[How to Order Materials](#)

If you have any issues, feedback or ideas about the Program Ally Marketing Portal, please reach out to Tucker Blum at [TBlum@ameren.com](mailto:TBlum@ameren.com).

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