



Elevate With Us

Program Guide



ELEVATE ENERGY
Smarter energy use for all

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OUR MISSION



Smarter

We give people the resources they need to make informed energy choices.



Energy Use

Getting energy use right saves money, increases comfort, creates jobs, and protects the environment.



For All

We ensure the benefits of clean and efficient energy use reach those who need them most.

A photograph of two women, one Black and one white, looking at a piece of industrial equipment. The Black woman is pointing at a component of the machine. The white woman is looking at the same component. The image has a blue tint. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

WE EDUCATE AND EMPOWER

We build strong relationships in the communities we serve, provide resources that make an impact, and empower families to take action.

We create programs that pair technical solutions with education and outreach to meet people where they are. We place a focus on reaching communities that have typically been underserved and collaborate with community partners to benefit everyone.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACCELERATOR

Elevate, with its expertise and experience implementing energy programs that benefit all communities, works collaboratively to provide access to resources, training, and networks to grow a career or a small business in the clean energy economy. The Clean Energy Jobs Accelerator includes a program to train individuals in solar and related energy careers. The training serves those from economically disadvantaged and environmental justice communities, returning citizens, and foster care alumni.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Accelerator



“I learned about all the industry sectors in need of solar, job placement opportunities, and the major companies involved in renewable energy. I also developed a real bond with my fellow students.”

Julio Ibarra FEJA Solar Jobs Training Program Graduate

TRUSTED COMMUNITY MESSENGERS

The “smart grid” has enabled the creation of cost-saving energy programs that can help low-income families reduce their energy burden, but participation can seem complicated and confusing. Our extensive outreach throughout Illinois has allowed us to have deeper conversations with individuals in hard-to-reach communities to increase understanding and ultimately move people to action.



VALUE FOR HIGH-PERFORMANCE HOMES

Elevate acts as a facilitator to ensure that high-performance homes — those using clean energy and fewer resources — are consistently and fairly valued when bought and sold. This lays the groundwork for a cycle in which homeowners are eager to invest in high-performance improvements because they know they will be able to recover some or all of their investment when they sell their home. One way we do this is by educating real estate professionals to determine the market value of a home with a solar installation.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/VHPH



“I think it’s vital that REALTORS get educated on the topic of solar so we can serve our clients that invest in solar effectively and protect their investment in the sales process. Elevate Energy has created a course on solar that is exceptional. I found the information to be relevant and valuable to my business model.”

Greg Slater REALTOR®

POLICY AND RESEARCH

Policy

As part of the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, Elevate helped pass the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA) in 2016. The new law is spurring investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency in Illinois. FEJA is devoting millions of dollars to programs that provide training for new energy jobs and help consumers reduce their utility bills. We're continuing to work with our partners to put Illinois on a path to be 100% powered by renewable energy, more energy efficient, and a place with access to good jobs in a growing market.



Research and Innovation

Our Research and Innovation team collaborates with researchers, implementers, and policymakers to inform impactful program design and delivery. We demonstrate the value of energy efficiency and renewable energy to drive equitable investment for healthy, safe, and affordable homes and communities.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Research



A person wearing a head-mounted display (HMD) and glasses, working on a complex network of pipes and machinery in a technical environment. The person is wearing a blue shirt and has a head-mounted display with the word "DEFIANT" visible on the side. They are holding a device labeled "BACHARACH" and appear to be interacting with the machinery. The background is filled with various pipes, valves, and mechanical components, suggesting a utility or industrial setting.

WE PRESERVE HEALTHY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We help homeowners, building owners, and nonprofits reduce their energy costs; improve the comfort and safety of their buildings; and create safer, healthier spaces for their families, tenants, or clients.

We've kept over **48,000 homes** safe and affordable with efficiency and health and safety improvements. We help nonprofits dedicate more money to their services and less to utility bills, and work to remove health hazards to create healthier homes for families. We're working with partners nationally to ensure everyone has equitable access to these kinds of services.

MULTIFAMILY BUILDING RETROFITS

We offer a wide variety of services to help multifamily building owners reduce operating costs, improve their buildings, and support sustainability goals. We help income-eligible property owners implement energy efficiency upgrades to keep housing affordable. We also help building owners comply with benchmarking requirements.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Multifamily

“It’s been a great experience. Just to be able to see the difference, to feel the difference in the building – that was amazing. It all seemed to work right together.”

Marcia Ellis Property Owner and Manager



PUBLIC HOUSING RETROFITS

We help public housing authorities implement energy efficiency upgrades. We provide technical and financial assistance to enhance tenant comfort and save authorities money to direct back to tenant services.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Public-Housing

“*Altgeld [Gardens] looks much brighter ... thanks for all your assistance and dedication with the common area lights.*”

Ms. Brown-Lukes Property Supervisor,
Altgeld Gardens



NONPROFIT EFFICIENCY RETROFITS

Elevate helps nonprofits improve their buildings and reduce their energy costs so they can devote more resources to the important programs they operate in their communities. We help them understand how they can improve their facilities; assist them in prioritizing upgrades that are practical, easy, and affordable; and aid them in accessing incentives to reduce the cost of improvements.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Nonprofits



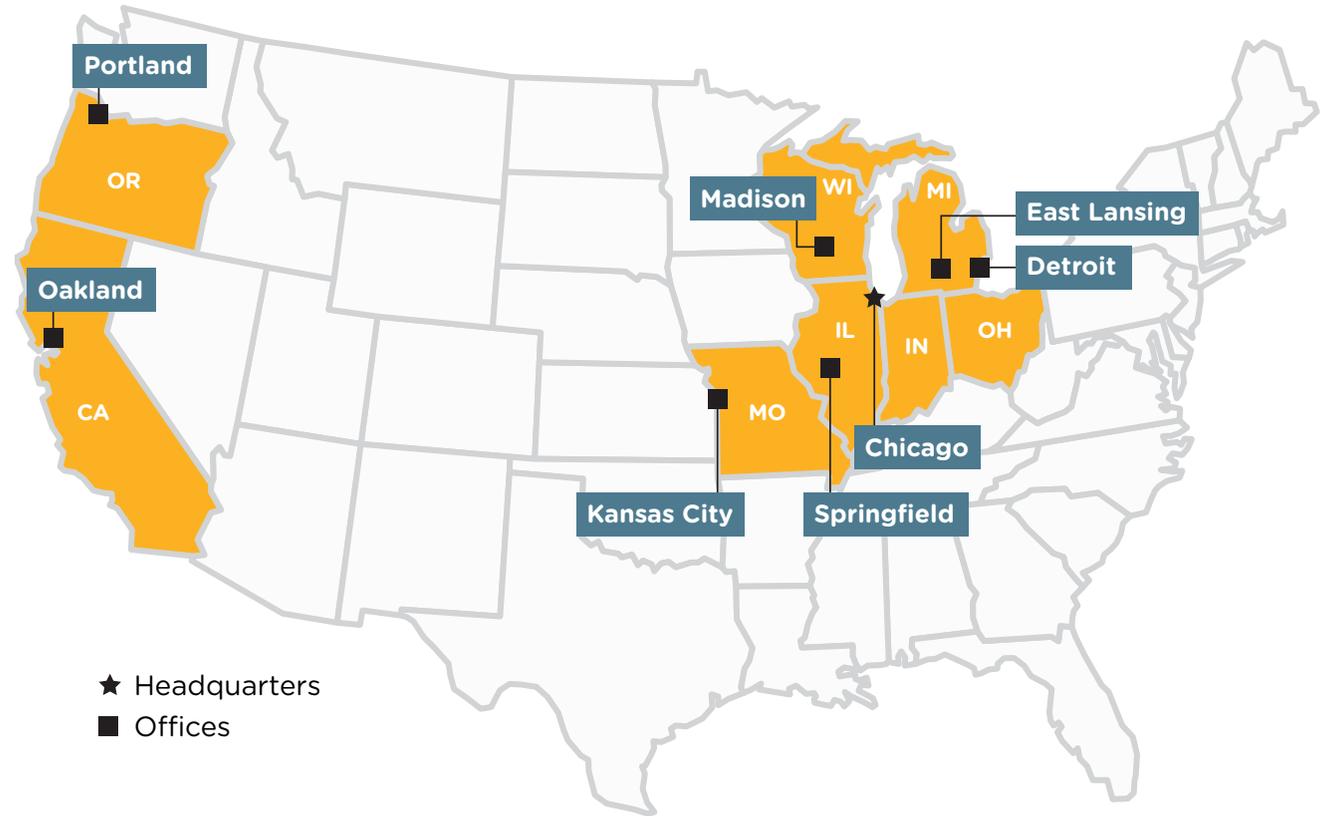
“[Elevate] enabled us to do work that cut our running costs that we could not have afforded to do on our own. The staff were very experienced and were a joy to work with.”

Lindsay Percival Executive Director, Learning Bridge Early Education Center

WHERE WE WORK

As we pursue our mission, we are growing nationally, expanding the reach of our programs, services, and research in collaboration with partner organizations.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Where-We-Work



SINGLE FAMILY HOME RETROFITS

Elevate has long been a leader in helping homeowners and renters reduce electricity use and improve the health and comfort of their homes. We provide low- or no-cost energy assessments to help homeowners find ways to be more energy efficient.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Single-Family



“For low-income people who have work to be done, this is a wonderful program if you’re not able to get the work done yourself. My home used to be so cold during the winter and I used to have to sleep in my clothes, but not anymore!”

Ethel Mason Homeowner

HEALTHY HOMES

When we work with homeowners on energy efficiency improvements, we also have the opportunity to create a safer, healthier environment for families. We're working to identify and remove home-based health hazards, like asthma triggers and lead exposure, and establish programs that address them while reducing energy costs.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Healthy-Homes



“The program helped my home tremendously. It repaired things I could not afford and improved the environment. It gave my home a fresh start.”

Mrs. Jackson Property Owner



WE HELP FAMILIES SAVE WITH ENERGY PRICING PROGRAMS

Elevate is a national leader in demand response pricing programs that help customers save money and protect the environment. Since their inception, these programs have saved more than **143,000 participants** over **\$31 million**.

BILL SAVINGS PROGRAMS

Elevate administers programs that help families save money on their energy costs and reduce their carbon footprints. We're proud to design and implement these innovative programs for thousands of customers.

“What I like most about the program is the monthly email comparing my bill on Power Smart Pricing to what I would have paid on Ameren’s fixed rate.”

Matthew L.
Power Smart Pricing Participant



Smart Grid Programs Administered by Elevate

ComEd's Hourly Pricing

ComEd's Hourly Pricing is a dynamic pricing program for residential customers in ComEd territory that allows participants to pay the hourly, wholesale market price for electricity.

Learn more at HourlyPricing.ComEd.com

Power Smart Pricing

Power Smart Pricing is an electric supply rate option from Ameren Illinois that lets participants take advantage of cheaper, off-peak electricity prices.

Learn more at PowerSmartPricing.org

PEAK TIME REWARDS[®]

Peak Time Rewards is a demand response program that rewards residential customers with credits on their bill for reducing electricity usage during especially hot days.

Learn more at PeakTimeRewards.com



WE EXPAND ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY

Thanks to the passage of the Illinois Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016, new clean energy investments are coming to the state. We're working to ensure that everyone — no matter who they are or where they live — can take advantage of these investments.

Renewable power sources such as solar are key to creating a sustainable energy future. But for most households and businesses, solar panels are out of reach due to high installation costs or technical hurdles. We're working to bring solar, and the associated jobs, into local neighborhoods to ensure the benefits of renewable energy are accessible to all.

ILLINOIS SOLAR FOR ALL

Elevate serves as the Program Administrator for the groundbreaking Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) program, created under the Future Energy Jobs Act. The program provides incentives for solar development in low-income and environmental justice communities, offering households and the organizations that serve them measurable savings on their energy bills. To create opportunities for a new and diverse workforce, ILSFA requires Approved Vendors to employ graduates from qualified job training programs. The program also provides funding to allow a variety of grassroots education organizations to help reach communities across the state.

Learn more at IllinoisSFA.com

Illinois Solar for All is a program developed by the Illinois Power Agency and administered by Elevate Energy.



A man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a grey blazer over a dark shirt, is speaking at a podium. He is holding a tablet in his left hand and gesturing with his right hand. In the background, there is a presentation board with text and graphics. The text on the board includes "Social Diversity and Workforce Development in the Energy Sector" and "ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES".

WE HELP COMMUNITIES PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Our community-level programs promote the adoption of energy efficiency and renewables in partnership with local government, utilities, and key market players. We have completed projects on neighborhood, municipal, county, regional, and statewide scales.

We collaborate with local partners and leaders to identify unique community needs and existing resources and act as a bridge between residents and public agencies to create sustainable, equitable projects.

ENERGY PLANNING

Our team of planning professionals and energy analysts takes a comprehensive approach to energy planning. Since 2004, we've worked with over 200 municipalities to bring underserved communities to the table when creating sustainability plans; this process produces equitable plans with community buy-in.

Learn More at [ElevateEnergy.org/
Energy-Planning](https://ElevateEnergy.org/Energy-Planning)



ENERGY BENCHMARKING

Energy benchmarking in buildings is a valuable tool for cities, building owners, and tenants alike. We have experience at every stage of the benchmarking process, including assisting in drafting an energy benchmarking ordinance, synthesizing numerous data sources to identify covered and exempt buildings, and educating building owners about the benchmarking process. We also operate a full-time Help Center to provide personalized support to building owners.

Learn More at [ElevateEnergy.org/
Energy-Benchmarking](https://ElevateEnergy.org/Energy-Benchmarking)



STREET LIGHTING

Elevate helps municipalities undertake LED street lighting upgrades to increase safety, reduce light pollution and energy usage, and deliver long-term cost-effectiveness for communities. We promote ComEd's Street Lighting Incentive to municipalities across the ComEd territory.

Learn more at ElevateEnergy.org/Street-Lighting



DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

Elevate engages economically distressed communities to support community energy- and money-saving goals. We serve as a trusted messenger and provide tailored outreach and technical support, removing barriers to participation in cost-cutting energy efficiency programs. We encourage energy and cost savings, promote improved safety and public health, and share a vision of innovation and resilience for communities that need it most.





ABOUT ELEVATE ENERGY

Elevate Energy seeks to create a world in which everyone has clean and affordable heat, power, and water in their homes and communities no matter who they are or where they live. In doing so, we will significantly mitigate the climate crisis and improve the economic health of communities.

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