

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING
PROGRAM YEAR 2018 NONFORMULA GRANTS (7-1-18 to 6-30-19)**

2018 WIOA STATEWIDE INNOVATION PROGRAM

Grantee: Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (LWIA 17)

Project Type: Sector Strategies

Award Amount: \$293,881

Project Summary:

The grant will fund a local Area labor shed and economic analysis that includes Douglas County which will join LWIA 17 to bring the local area into alignment with the Economic Development Region. As submitted, the project will include the development of: 1) a model labor shed and business needs survey tool and associated labor market analytics; 2) an innovative web-based data portal to provide contemporary workforce data for current and prospective employers; and 3) performance indicators and continuous improvement monitoring.

Grantee: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Project Type: Work-Based Learning for Weatherization Program Building Inspectors

Award Amount: Not to exceed \$249,805

Project Summary:

Work-based training to address shortage of weatherization program building inspectors at local community action agencies. UIUC to provide a 10-week training with an additional 6-month “apprenticeship” with a community action agency for 5 trainees. The primary goals are to establish an internship program for energy auditors that will result in improved sustainability of weatherization programs throughout the state and to pilot this program with an initial cohort of interns placed with local agencies.

Grantee: Rock Island County (LWIA 13)

Project Type: Manufacturing

Award Amount: \$400,000

Project Summary:

This project will provide training and placement of returning citizens into demand occupations with businesses that are currently hiring returning citizens. Demand occupations include Manufacturing, Construction, Information Technology, and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics. Pre-release services provided at the Life Skills Reentry Center will include integrated, stackable, credential training, including by not limited to, life skills and basic skills education and training resulting in industry recognized credentials.