



RE: Letter of Affirmation for KCC's Innovative Power Pack Program

DATE: January 26, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to affirm that Kankakee Community College's Power Pack program is innovative. The Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) is a unique state-wide network of all 39 Illinois community college districts, and, from my perspective as Executive Director, I can say that through Power Pack Kankakee, an innovative solar market development program, Kankakee Community College and the Midwest Renewable Energy Association educate consumers about the benefits of solar energy and create a unique solar education and promotion program that involves local businesses and U.S. manufacturing.

Kankakee Community College (KCC) partnered with the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) with funding from the National Science Foundation and IGEN. Power Pack Kankakee is building a sustainable, local solar market by supporting U.S. manufacturers, establishing a customer base for local solar installers, and facilitating lower cost solar installation for customers. The program ensures that there are resources and experts to help guide home and business owners through the process of installing solar, providing quality U.S.-made solar components, fair-priced solar installations by trained, certified solar installers (approved by Power Pack Kankakee and meeting ICC distributed generation requirements), and low-interest solar loans available from local, regional and national financial institutions. Power Pack Kankakee also educates homeowners and businesses on the benefits of solar energy through free Power Hours, hosted by KCC and MREA.

This is one of the many ways that KCC is helping make solar PV more affordable to community residents, and helping IGEN serve the green market transformation.

Sincerely,

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