



THE QUARTERLY CAA-NECTION Quarter 2 - 2023

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Phase 3 Recap

Phase 3 of the Supplemental Staffing Pilot is currently underway. In partnership with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), Phase 3 will be up to a one-year paid employment training. The candidates will receive on-the-job training that can transfer into practical career skills. The candidates will also receive two certifications as Assessors and Final Inspectors to help achieve and advance their career goals. There are still opportunities for recruitment through August 2023. For additional information regarding the partnership please contact Diana Fuller at dfuller@ameren.com.

Kickoff Event

On Friday, February 24, the CAA Channel was able to gather in person for the first in-person kickoff since 2019. During the event, several speakers were able to share information with Agencies in attendance regarding important changes for 2023. The keynote speaker, Darnell Johnson, CEO and President of Urban Efficiency Group, discussed with those in attendance about the meaning of true collaboration and how Agencies can become active collaborators in their daily work. The kickoff featured additional information from the state of Illinois on updates to systems. The outlook for 2023 will be on collaboration, partnerships and building off the foundation of 2022. Because of the feedback from the event, the CAA Channel will be making changes to the 2024 kickoff event and additional events throughout the remainder of 2023.

National Home Performance Conference (NHPC) Presenting the Supplemental Staffing Pilot

At the National Home Performance Conference in April, the CAA Channel presented the Supplemental Staffing Pilot. The presentation discussed the development of the Supplemental Staffing Pilot and the successes and challenges within the first year. The Supplemental Staffing Pilot addresses the barrier to a steady pipeline of candidates to apply and fill open positions at Agencies.

Questions? Contact your CAA Liason.



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CAA Channel Staff attended the Midwest Technical Institute to present to the evening class on career pathways in weatherization.

Targeted Outreach

In 2023, the CAA Channel is focusing on attending in-person events. In the first quarter, CAA Channel staff attended several events throughout Illinois including:

Thursday, Feb. 9: Lake Land College

Tuesday, Feb. 14: Midwest Institute

Thursday, March 16: Ranken Technical College

Thursday, March 23: University of Illinois Springfield and Lincoln Land Community College

Thursday, March 30: Dunlap High School

Agency Field Days

Throughout the first quarter, CAA Channel staff have been spending days out in the field with Agencies to better assess and understand their needs.

Agency Round Tables - Save the Date!

- The Central Region Round Table will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in Peoria.
- The Southern Region Round Table will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 in Springfield.

More information coming soon!

Coming Soon: Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

As there is additional information available on the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA), it will be shared with the Agencies. For any questions, please contact Diana Fuller at dfuller@ameren.com.

Contractor Survey

Be on the lookout for a contractor survey! This survey will be used to gather additional information and insight on contractor recruitment strategies and be used to design future offerings to help agencies with contractor recruitment and expansion. The survey will be sent via email in the second quarter.



Throughout the year, we want to hear about all the great Program-related customer successes you encounter each day. Share your story to be featured as a Good News story. Please submit your customer success stories to your respective CAA Liaison:

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