

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continued to promote, and helped to pass, responsible bidder ordinances in cities, towns, and other public contracting bodies throughout the District Council.
- Worked with Midwest Region LECET, Operating Engineer Local Unions, and more than 30 union contractors to increase their share of the rural water projects market.
- Helped Laborers and signatory contractors win work on a new \$14-million hospital facility currently under construction in Geneseo, Illinois.



Great Plains LECET

Great Plains LECET serves Laborers and signatory contractors throughout the Laborers' Great Plains District Council, which includes Northern Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

Great Plains LECET Helps Pave Way for Windfarm Projects

In Northern Illinois, wind farms mean projects and jobs, and Great Plains LECET has been working to help developers bring such projects to fruition. The fund has been working with 15 wind farm developers planning to build more than 1,500 wind turbines that would generate numerous projects for LIUNA signatory contractors, employ hundreds of Laborers, and lead to more than half a million man-hours of work.

Great Plains LECET has testified on behalf of these projects at meetings of zoning boards and other public bodies, and has used its contacts to help developers build relationships with local elected officials. Working with the Great Plains Laborers' District Council, and with various Laborers' Local Unions, Great Plains LECET has turned out LIUNA members to support these projects at public hearings, town hall meetings, and other venues.

Once their wind farms have been approved, Great Plains LECET has been able to connect developers with the LIUNA signatory contractors and subcontractors they need to prepare sites, build roads, control traffic, pour concrete, and perform other tasks associated with building wind farms. The fund also has serviced the national agreements under which many of these wind farms are built. Acting as a liaison between wind farm developers and local communities, Great Plains LECET has been helping to clear the way for wind-farm-related projects and jobs throughout Northern Illinois.

Top: a Laborer works on part of a \$14-million Geneseo, Illinois hospital facility. PHOTO COURTESY GREAT PLAINS LECET.



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