

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked with the Illinois Laborers and Contractors' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Fund to develop training for, and pursue projects and jobs in, the weatherization market.
- Helped Illinois Laborers, the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' District Council, and Laborers' Local Union 773 successfully lobby for a bonding measure to fund a \$400-million mixed-use facility in Marion, Illinois that will be built union.
- Persuaded an Alabama-based, non-union hospital contractor to hire all union subcontractors on a \$35-million hospital project in Pinckneyville, Illinois.
- Utilized the Illinois Responsible Bidder Act to help Illinois Laborers' Local Unions win approximately \$2 million worth of work.



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Illinois LECET works closely with all the LECET funds in the state, including those of the Southern and Central Illinois Laborers' District Council, and the Twelve Counties Southwestern Illinois Laborers' District Council.

Illinois LECET Pursues Rural Waterline and Wastewater Plant Projects

The number of planned waterline and wastewater treatment plants throughout rural Illinois increased dramatically in 2010, and Illinois LECET worked to help Laborers and their signatory contractors win these projects and jobs.

Illinois LECET and Great Plains LECET met with 40 Illinois contractors, talked to them about opportunities in the rural waterline and wastewater treatment market, gave them information about upcoming projects, and encouraged them to bid. Illinois LECET and the Midwest Region Foundation for Fair Contracting, the Midwest Regional Organizing Committee, Illinois Laborers' District Councils, and several other building trades unions formed a coalition to target this market. Illinois LECET also met with the President of Illinois American Water, one of the state's largest providers of water and wastewater services, to discuss the company's upcoming plans and to promote the use of Laborers and their signatory contractors.

Thanks to these ongoing efforts, several upcoming rural water and wastewater projects have been awarded to LIUNA signatory contractors, and Laborers have strengthened their position in this expanding market.