



Upcoming Events

January 21 — 22, 2010
January 28 — 29, 2010
Gas Operator Qualification Workshops, 3-yr. overall evaluation. (Two workshops, same agenda)
Register/more information: [Here](#)

February 1 — 5, 2010
Complete Watt-Hour Metering Workshop (Basic Feb. 1—3; Advanced Feb. 3—5). **Registration/more information: [Here](#)**

February 9 — 10, 2010
IAMU Winter Meeting, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny. **Registration: [Here](#)**

February 17—19, 2010
Electric Superintendent & Foreman's Meeting. **Registration/more information: [Here](#)**

IAMU board adopts new budget; hears nominations



◆ The IAMU Board of Directors met January 15 and adopted a \$3.2 million budget for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2010. The budget will be met without changes to member dues. It will likely be amended in March or May, when the impact of four grants totaling over \$5.3 million is known.

The nominating committee also reported its recommendation for elections at the upcoming annual business meeting February 10. The committee nominated Jim Krieg (Cedar Falls) for President, Darrel Wenzel (Independence) for 1st V.P., Pat Stief (Traer) for 2nd V.P., Diane Lucas (Breda) for Secretary/Treasurer. Bruce Hardin (Everly), and John Bilsten (Algona) were nominated to additional three-year terms as directors and Sal LoBianco (Muscatine) was nominated to complete Pat Steif's term as director.

Plan now for OEI-managed appliance rebate program

◆ The Iowa Office of Energy Independence (OEI) has announced that the State Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate program will begin March 1, 2010. This program is being funded by \$2,800,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It will provide Iowa residential utility customers rebates on the purchase of qualifying high efficiency heating and cooling equipment, water heaters and home appliances. **A list of the qualifying equipment and rebate amounts can be found [here](#).** One example of a rebate is a \$200 rebate on refrigerators that are 20% more efficient than the Federal Standard. The rebates will be available on a first come, first served basis. When the funds are exhausted, the program will end.



This rebate program will be administered by the OEI and municipal utilities will not be responsible for processing these state efficiency rebates. While the state rebate program lasts, it will complement the rebate programs of local utilities. Because of the heightened awareness of energy efficiency and additional rebate level, now is a great time to advertise your local utility's efficiency programs. Customers may be eligible for a rebate from both the local utility and the state program, depending on your local rebate program in place.

If you would like to advertise the upcoming state appliance rebate program, here is some additional information: The start date for the state appliance rebate program is March 1, 2010; only Iowa residents are eligible; purchases must be made in Iowa from an Iowa retailer; customers are limited to one type of appliance per household; the application is electronic and will be available via the internet or phone (toll free) as of March 1, 2010 at 8 a.m.; customers who participate in the state rebate program may also participate in other rebate or incentive programs.

All information regarding the state energy efficiency appliance rebate program can be found at www.energy.iowa.gov.

Culver releases report touting 8,000+ green collar jobs



◆ Governor Chet Culver has released the "Green Jobs Initiative Committee" final report, confirming 8,169 "green collar" jobs in Iowa. The report finalizes data analyzed from December 2008 to March 2009 and refers to total employment for 2008.

"I believe we can build our economy, and open opportunities for thousands of Iowans through continued investment in new, 'green' industries," said Governor Culver. "This report confirms that Iowa is fast becoming a leader in the cutting edge field of environmentally-friendly job creation, and proves that what is good for the environment is also good for economic development."

The Committee consists of representatives of Iowa Workforce Development, the Iowa Utilities Board, Iowa's Community Colleges, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Public Safety, and the Office of Energy Independence.

To view the full report, click [here](#).

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