

SIEC Hosts Energy Efficiency Workshops for Local Schools

The Touchstone Energy Electric Cooperatives of southern Illinois are proud to announce they will be hosting the Touchstone Energy Schools A+ Energy Efficiency Program for area schools.

Mr. James Herritage, with Energy Auditors, Inc. from South Carolina, will be conducting two seminars for school superintendents and key facility/maintenance managers. On October 19, the session will be held at the Williamson County Pavilion in Marion and the October 20 session will be at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. The program is available at no charge to any school district/system in southern Illinois, whether served by an electric cooperative or not.

According to Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative (SIEC) General Manager Larry Lovell, “Schools spend over \$6 billion annually for energy and nearly 25 percent of that is wasted.” At the seminar, school district personnel will learn of many no/low cost measures their district and personnel can use to reduce energy costs.

Schools wishing to attend the Schools A+ Energy Efficiency program should contact Jerri Schaefer at 1-800-762-1400 by Thursday, October 14, to register. The program is sponsored by Monroe Electric Cooperative, Waterloo; Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Breese; Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mt. Vernon; SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Eldorado, Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola; and Egyptian Electric Cooperative, Steeleville.

All of the hosting cooperatives are members of Touchstone Energy — an alliance of more than 700 local, consumer-owned electric utilities around the country. They are committed to providing superior service based on four core principles: integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community.