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Illinois State University to Begin Purchasing Gas from IMGA

Illinois State University

The oldest and one of the largest public universities in Illinois, Illinois State University is a comprehensive, residential university with six colleges and 35 academic departments and schools, which offer more than 198 fields of study in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University was founded in 1857, with the assistance of attorney Abraham Lincoln, as a normal school to educate teachers.

Illinois State is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. The University holds discipline-based accreditation from 25 accrediting agencies.

The University is centrally located between Chicago and St. Louis in the twin city communities of Bloomington-Normal (population 123,000). The campus has close to 1,000 acres with more than 140 buildings, including Bone Student Center and Braden Auditorium, which seats 3,500; Redbird Arena, which seats 10,200; 10 residence halls; Milner Library, which has a collection of more than three million items; the Center for the Performing Arts, with a 830-seat concert hall and a 450-seat theatre; and a 360-acre farm in Lexington.

The University operates under the *Educating Illinois, 2008-2014: Priorities for Illinois' First Public University* strategic plan. Students receive an excellent education through programs such as the Honors Programs, one of only two public university honors programs in Illinois praised as offering an "Ivy League education;" Presidential Scholars Program, providing monetary gifts and opportunities for superior students; mentorships that offer students a salary for working with faculty members on projects related to students' careers; and study abroad programs that offer students an opportunity to live and learn in other countries.

Hundreds of international students bring their global perspectives to Illinois State, enriching both campus and community life. Employers from across the U.S. and the world offer student internships, which provide practical experiences to supplement classroom learning.

Students participate in more than 250 student organizations that offer recreational, entertainment, social, religious and general interest activities, including 19 fraternities, 15 sororities and more than 25 honorary associations.

Students who need academic or financial assistance have many opportunities available to them. Disability Concerns assists individuals with disabilities to function independently in the University community, and the Julia N. Visor Center offers students opportunities to identify their personal strengths and discover individualized learning strategies and also provides tutoring, study skills workshops and academic support services for minority undergraduates.

WGLT-FM, the National Public Radio affiliate on Illinois State's campus, provides jazz, blues and a variety of music, plus in-depth news. The University participates in the Political Engagement Project, which helps faculty incorporate political awareness and engagement activities into general curriculum courses in order to broaden students' perceptions of the political process and make them more aware of how government systems, political campaigns and public policies impact society and individuals. Illinois State is one of eight universities across the nation specifically chosen to participate in the project, directed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Illinois State has been listed as one of 100 best values in public universities in the country for the past seven years by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. The University has retained its third tier ranking for nine years in *U.S. News and World Report*. Illinois State received the only 2011 New York Times Political Engagement Project Program of Excellence Award for developing students' skills related to political processes and leadership and were recognized with inclusion in *The Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges*.

An affiliate of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship Subdivision and member of both the Missouri Valley Football Conference and Missouri Valley Conference, the University competes in eight men's sports and 11 women's sports. Redbird Arena, Horton Field House, Hancock Stadium, Duffy Bass Field, Marian Kneer Softball Stadium and the Adelaide Street Soccer Field attract thousands of spectators for athletic events plus band competitions and other special events.

IMGA will begin supplying gas to ISU on July 1, 2013. We look forward to serving them and welcome them to the Agency!

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IMGA would like to remind everyone that the Illinois and Missouri Municipal League annual conferences are rapidly approaching.



MML 77th Annual Conference
September 11-14, 2011
Kansas City, MO Hyatt Regency
www.mocities.com

IML 98th Annual Conference
September 15-17, 2011
Chicago Hilton Hotel
www.impl.org



Stay tuned for more details about each event. We hope to see you there!

Winter will be here before you know it. Wish you had a way to get energy saving tips in front of your consumers?

IMGA will be mailing Energy Conservation packets to each of our members in late August. Each packet is designed to give you options and flexibility in presenting the information to your community. The packets will include posters, post cards, newspaper advertisements, and many other options for spreading the news on how to conserve energy and help save money.

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