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IMGA is pleased to announce that on April 1, 2020, IMGA will begin flowing gas to Eastern Illinois University with a contract for four years. We look forward to serving them and welcome them to the agency.

Eastern Illinois University is a public comprehensive university that offers superior, accessible undergraduate and graduate education. Students learn the methods and results of free and rigorous inquiry in the arts, humanities, sciences, and professions, guided by a faculty known for its excellence in teaching, research, creative activity, and service. The University community is committed to diversity and inclusion and fosters opportunities for student-faculty scholarship and applied leaning experiences within a student-centered campus culture. Throughout their education, students refine their abilities to reason and to communicate clearly so as to become responsible citizens and leaders.

The EIU campus is located at 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL. The campus size is 320 acres and was founded in 1895.

EIU offers degrees in Bachelor's, Master's and Specialist's. It is made up of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Lumpkin College of Business and Technology, the College of Education, the College of Health and Human Services, Graduate School, Honors College, and the School of Continuing Education.

In the fields of study, EIU offers 51 undergraduate degree programs, 32 graduate degree programs, and 10 post-baccalaureate certificate programs.

Eastern prepares more undergraduates who go on to earn doctoral degrees than any other master's college/ university in Illinois, according to a recent National Science Foundation survey. In addition to ranking first in the state, EIU ranks in the top 5 percent nationwide.

The 2011 completion of the Renewable Energy Center, one of the largest biomass facilities in the country, has made the campus much more environmentally friendly at no cost to taxpayers -- the project will be fully covered by energy savings over the next two decades. It will provide students and faculty hands-on research opportunities in cutting-edge technology.

The Doudna Fine Arts Center combines state-of-the-art facilities for art, music and theatre students with top-quality cultural activities for the entire region.

EIU is the first choice for more than 75 percent of new students in the Honors College, which attracts some of the best and brightest in the state.



The IMGA office will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020

We wish you all safe and happy holidays! Heather, Jeanna, and Brenda

IMGA Member Communities

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Winter Outlook: Warmer than average for many.

Warmer-than-average temperatures are forecast for much of the U.S. this winter according to NOAA's Climate Prediction Center. Although below-average temperatures are not favored, cold weather is anticipated and some areas could still experience a colder-than-average winter. Wetter-than-average weather is most likely across the Northern Tier of the U.S. during winter, which extends from December through February.

Temperature

- ♦ The greatest likelihood for warmer-than-normal conditions are in Alaska and Hawaii, with more modest probabilities for above-average temperatures spanning large parts of the remaining lower 48 from the West across the South and up the eastern seaboard.
- ◆ The Northern Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, and the western Great Lakes have equal chances for below-, near— or above— average temperatures.
- No part of the U.S. is favored to have below-average temperatures this winter

Precipitation

- Wetter-than-average conditions are most likely in Alaska and Hawaii this
 winter, along with portions of the Northern Plains, Upper Mississippi Valley, the Great Lakes and parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast.
- Drier-than-average conditions are most likely for Louisiana, parts of Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma as well areas of northern and central California.
- The remainder of the U.S. falls into the category of equal chances for below-, near-, or above-average precipitation.

Drought

- Abnormally dry conditions are present across much of the Southern U.S., withy areas of the most severe drought in the Four Corners region of the Southwest, central Texas and parts of the Southeast.
- Drought is expected to improve in portions of the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Alaska and Hawaii, while persisting in central Texas and the Southwest.
- Drought development is expected to occur in parts of central California.

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