



ILLINOIS COAL COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM

- DESCRIPTION:** The Coal Competitiveness Program encourages communities and businesses to improve miner safety and the coal extraction, preparation and transportation systems within Illinois. The program is aimed at improving the efficiency of the Illinois coal industry, enhance the competitive position of Illinois coal in domestic and international markets, and open new markets for Illinois coal and coal byproducts.
- STATUS:** In Fiscal Year 2010, DCEO awarded \$5.1 million in state funds for 7 coal production and utilization projects, leveraging more than \$92.1 million of private investment in infrastructure improvements and expansions. Since its inception in 1996, the program has produced more than \$1.9 billion in private infrastructure investments across Illinois.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any entity may apply. Projects may require a host site, private and public cost-sharing partners, etc., prior to proposal consideration. Projects must have significant economic benefits for Illinois.
- TYPE OF FUNDING:** Grants are typically between \$50,000 and \$1,500,000 and are issued by DCEO. DCEO typically provides up to 20 percent of the total project cost. Grants are restricted to the state fiscal period.
- SOURCE OF FUNDS:** Approximately \$15 million from the Coal Technology Development Assistance Fund is appropriated annually for the Coal Competitiveness Program.
- FUNDING CYCLE:** DCEO issues an annual solicitation each fiscal year. Following proposal review and selection, grants are awarded in late winter or spring. Unsolicited proposals may be submitted at any time during the year.
- APPLICATION:** Application procedures are available on the DCEO Web site at <http://www.illinoisbiz.biz/dceo/Bureaus/Coal/Grants/>. Paper copies may be obtained from the DCEO contact.
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