

## **Contractor Proposals now being accepted for new Weatherization Program Year**

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) is currently accepting proposals from qualified contractors interested in contracting with the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. IVEDC will conduct an informational meeting on May 28, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. The meeting will take place at the Illinois Valley Administrative office located at 223 S. Macoupin St., Gillespie, IL 62033.

All interested contractors must call the Weatherization office at (217) 839-4431 by 4:00 P.M. on May 23, 2019 to register their company name to attend the informational meeting. The purpose for this meeting is to explain the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program and to distribute procurement packets and prequalification application. Attendance at the meeting is MANDATORY for consideration as a Weatherization contractor.

Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation is an equal opportunity employer and encourages small, minority, and female owned businesses to apply.

The Weatherization Program is designed to help low-income residents save fuel and money, while increasing the comfort of their homes. Repairs are completed by qualified contractors employed by the agency. There is no charge to participants for material or labor. Renters may also be assisted if they are eligible and if the landlord agrees to the program terms. Depending on the circumstances and conditions of a dwelling, some of the following weatherization work may be done: sealing cracks with weather-strip and caulk, insulating attics and walls, repairing windows and doors. The Weatherization Program also assesses the home's heating system to assure it is safe and in good working order. An experienced contractor will clean, tune, repair, retrofit, or replace the heating system/air conditioning. Energy and cost saving measures include replacing regular light bulbs with energy efficient ones, replacement of eligible refrigerator/freezers. Health and safety measures include installing smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

**Service Areas: Calhoun, Greene, Jersey and Macoupin Counties**