



25x'25 ILLINOIS RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE

organized on Wednesday, August 6 in Bloomington, IL. The meeting was attended by groups representing the broad spectrum of 25x'25 supporters in Illinois. The session was chaired by former Congressman Tom Ewing who serves on the national 25x'25 steering committee.

An official kick-off of the Alliance will be held in conjunction with the University of Illinois Agronomy Day on August 21.

25x'25 is a national coalition organized to promote a national goal for America's energy future. The coalition's goal for America is to produce 25 percent of our energy from renewable resources such as biofuels, wind, solar, and hydro by the year 2025.

By 2025, American farms, forests, and ranches can provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States, and produce safe, abundant, and affordable food, feed, and fiber.

The Illinois alliance is made up of groups representing agriculture, academia, and the economic development sectors of Illinois working to improve farm income and prosperity in rural Illinois. Over 115 associations, local governments, businesses, universities, and community colleges are 25x'25 Partners in Illinois.

The steering committee adopted principles that includes Alliance Partners must formally endorse the 25x'25 Vision of producing 25 percent of America's energy from renewable resources by the year 2025 and commit to working collaboratively with renewable energy champions to facilitate the implementation of 25x'25 goals to bring this Vision to life.

The initial steering committee includes representatives of the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Districts, Illinois Corn Growers Association, Farm Bureau, Wind for Illinois, Illinois Solar Energy Association, Economic Development Council of Central Illinois, Great Rivers Economic Development Corporation, Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Center for Advanced BioEnergy Research at the University of Illinois, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University, and the Center for Renewable Energy at Illinois State University.

Illinois 25x'25 Partners who would like more information about serving on the steering committee should send a note to Illinois@25x25.org.

To see the August 6 meeting agenda and material click on the following link: [View Presentation](#).