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Indiana Community Action Association Goes Green with Solar/Photovoltaic System and LED Lighting Retrofit

Indianapolis, IN - The Indiana Community Action Association in conjunction with Indianapolis Power & Light Company and Ermco Electric will showcase the recently installed 3kW Photovoltaic system and LED lighting retrofit. The 3kW system uses an inverter to convert the power which allows INCAA to directly offset a portion of their electric demand each day with what is produced by the system. The inverter tracks daily power production, power produced to date and the avoided carbon emission to date.

Ermco's Green Energy Group helped INCAA install an LED Retrofit to maximize the buildings lighting efficiency and act as a show case for this new highly efficient lighting technology. The lighting upgrade was made possible through a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) that was part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act www.recovery.gov, and the grant was approved and administered through the Indiana Office of Energy Development <http://www.in.gov/oed/>

"This lighting project at the Indiana Community Action Association facility is exactly what was in mind when the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program was designed," said Brandon Seitz, OED Director. "This project involves community partners and is a highly visible example of energy efficiency improvements."

The Small-Scale Renewable Energy Incentive Program is available to both residential and small to medium-sized commercial and industrial customers. The program will provide incentive payments of up to \$4,000 per system and applications can be obtained through the IPL's website – <http://www.IPLpower.com/> (Funds are limited.)

"Thanks to the efficiency grant and the grant from IPL, along with the expertise of ERMCO's Green Energy Group, INCAA was able to move forward with this installation. Now everyone who attends our facility for training in weatherization and many other programs can see this new lighting technology and solar energy production at work.

Together the systems will play a significant role in meeting our power needs, while helping to reduce our carbon foot print,” said Dave Menzer, Team Leader of Utility Programs for INCAA.

INCAA was also one of the first commercial customers to participate in IPL’s Cool Cents program also known as the Air Conditioning Load Management program or ACLM, which allows the utility to cycle off air conditioning units during periods of peak demand. IPL provides an incentive of up to \$40 per A/C unit during the months of May through September.

The Ermco Green Energy group specializes in renewable energy installations along with lighting retrofits. Their training facility is teaching electrical works how to install Photovoltaic systems and Ermco is also adept at helping secure grant funding for potential clients. www.ermco.com

A video link documenting the PV installation can be found on our website at <http://www.incap.org/media.html>

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Indiana Community Action Association (IN-CAA)

The Indiana Community Action Association, Inc. (IN-CAA), a statewide not-for-profit membership corporation, was incorporated in the State of Indiana in 1970. IN-CAA’s Network is comprised of Indiana’s 23 Community Action Agencies (CAAs), which serve all of Indiana’s 92 counties. IN-CAA envisions a state with limited or no poverty, where its residents have decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions, and where resources are available to help low-income individuals attain self-sufficiency.

IN-CAA serves as an advocate and facilitator of policy, planning and programs to create solutions and share responsibility as leaders in the War Against Poverty. Therefore, it is IN-CAA’s mission is to help the state’s CAAs address the conditions of poverty through training and technical assistance, developing models for service delivery, and providing resources to help increase network capacity.

For more information about IN-CAA, please visit IN-CAA’s web site at www.incap.org