



Southern Illinois University System

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September 1, 2022 – June 1, 2023

Carbondale visits for in-person workdays and networking

1. 11/3 – Community Technology Center Ribbon Cutting at the Eurma C. Hayes Center
2. 11/30 – IRH, OCE, and SON mtg.
3. 3/20 – IRH/OCE workday
4. 3/7 – Tour of the Center for Sustainable Farming and Touch of Nature Outdoor Education Center
5. 4/3 – NSF ART proposal development
6. 4/27 – Tour of Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center

OCE-IRH Workdays in Edwardsville

1. 2/16
2. 2/28
3. 4/18
4. 6/8

System Strategic Plan teams

- 5: OCE, Chair
- 6: IRH
- 7: Workforce Development
- 15: Sustainability

Grants submitted

1. 5/23: ART: Idea to Market Pipeline and the Acceleration of Commercialization through Training and Simulations (or IMPACTS) at SIU.
 - a. Key Personnel with Lynn Andersen Lindberg (PI), Gary Kinsel (Co-PI), Robert Patino (Co-PI), Yohan Choi (Co-PI).
 - b. National Science Foundation
 - c. Status: Pending
2. 5/8: AI-enabled equitable resource allocation for enhancing interdependent infrastructure resilience of underserved communities exposed to natural hazards.
 - a. Co-PI with Debarshi Sen (PI) and Ajay Kalra (Co-PI).
 - b. Illinois Innovation Network Sustaining Illinois Seed Funding
 - c. Status: Not funded.

Grant-funded Projects

1. Partners for Reentry Opportunities in Workforce Development (PROWD)
 - a. Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
 - b. Status: Ongoing.
2. Broadband READY, Year 2
 - a. Hosting 2 American Connection Corps Lead for America fellows
 - b. \$150,000 (Carbondale and Edwardsville)

- c. Illinois Innovation Network
- 3. Broadband READY, Year 1
 - a. \$50,000 with \$35,000 match from the City of East St. Louis
 - b. Illinois Innovation Network
 - c. Status: Complete.

Grant proposals in development

- 1. US EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program
 - a. Partnership with [EPIC-N](#)
 - b. \$50,000,000
 - c. 2023-2026

External Relationships Established

- 1. Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 2. United Way of Greater St. Louis
 - a. 211 Advisory Committee member
 - b. St. Clair County COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) Case Management / LTR (Long-Term Recovery) Team member
- 3. Illinois Innovation Network Social Innovation Subcommittee member
- 4. Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois (2 Board meetings, 1 Annual dinner)
- 5. Alton Works
 - a. Broadband
 - b. Food hub
- 6. Caritas Family Solutions
- 7. Jackson County, Illinois C-Leap Community Coalition

Other FY 23 Outcomes

- Developed content for OCE website placeholder
- Established Campus Liaison Teams
 - o Members are identified as key personnel in carrying out the mission of OCE. The purpose of each campus team is to serve in an advisory capacity and aid in the coordination of campus resources as resources to address community identified needs are identified. Team membership is for a term of 1-year. Meetings are held bi-monthly. Each meeting features a system-level collaboration opportunity.

FY 24 goals

- Finalize external advisory group.
- Use the Illinois State Appropriation (\$266,000) to build OCE staff.
 - o Hire a shared project coordinator, grant writer and administrative assistant, with Institute for Rural Health.
- Establish OCE procedures for working with communities.
- Launch a communications and marketing plan that includes:
 - o Internal (e.g., campus tours and print/digital materials) and
 - o External communications (print/digital materials for community and for legislators; a much more robust website for OCE).