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## **Jacksonville Named a “Most Progressive City” By Ameren Illinois ActOnEnergy Program *Going Green While Saving Green***

**Jacksonville, Ill. (Jan. 25, 2012)** – In recognition of the significant energy efficiency efforts made by Jacksonville businesses, Ameren Illinois today presented the ActOnEnergy® Most Progressive City Award to the city of Jacksonville.

“Between June 1, 2010 and May 31, 2011, 12 Jacksonville businesses completed 20 ActOnEnergy projects that received more than \$131,000 in incentive payments,” said Craig Gilson, manager of Ameren Illinois Division II, who presented the award to Jacksonville Mayor Andy Ezard.

“These projects are now saving Jacksonville businesses 4.3 million kilowatt-hours of electricity every year. That is enough electricity to meet the demands of 430 single family homes for a year.

“Through these projects, power plant emissions and carbon footprints are reduced, resources are conserved and businesses become more competitive, all of which benefit employees, consumers and the community at large,” Gilson said.

Since ActOnEnergy was launched in 2008, the amount of annual incentive dollars available to business customers has grown from \$3 million to \$19.2 million. The program is funded through a small charge (Rider EDR for electricity customers and Rider GER for natural gas customers) on customer bills. These charges are mandated by state law.

ActOnEnergy offers business customers – including private schools and nonprofits – energy efficiency incentives for lighting, refrigeration, motor systems and HVAC systems. Incentives also are available for retro commissioning, multi-family buildings, commercial kitchen equipment and hotel and motel guest room energy management systems.

There is a program for grain and livestock farmers, providing incentives for lighting upgrades, livestock waterers and such high-efficiency equipment as circulation fans, water heaters and exhaust fans.

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ActOnEnergy also offers the Online Store, commercial kitchens program, grocery/convenience store incentives and custom incentives.

“Our business customers can realize significant savings when they participate in our program,” said Cheryl Miller, ActOnEnergy business program manager. “For example, replacing a standard T-12 fluorescent light fixture with a high-efficiency T-8 fluorescent fixture can reduce electricity consumption by 33 percent.

“Our energy efficiency professionals are ready to help our customers take advantage of the ActOnEnergy incentives so they can spend less on energy by using less.”

Complete business program information is available at [ActOnEnergy.com](http://ActOnEnergy.com), by calling 1-866-800-0747 or by sending an e-mail to [ActOnEnergyBusiness@ameren.com](mailto:ActOnEnergyBusiness@ameren.com).

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