

Illinois Municipal Electric Agency Chief Operating Officer



IMEA is a wholesale electric supplier to 32 Illinois municipal electric systems with long-term contracts with its member utilities. Each of these communities owns and operates its own electric distribution system, with over half owning and operating local power generation plants. IMEA provides service to members through a combination of joint power plant ownership and long-term power supply agreements, as well as related energy and operational member services. IMEA also manages a wholesale natural gas agency, the Illinois Public Energy Agency, which serves 12 municipal gas systems and 2 cooperatives in the state of Illinois. IMEA also provides management services to the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association for nearly 50 municipal utilities throughout the state as well. The three entities operate 24x7x365 and have a combined annual budget near \$350 million from a state of the art facility in Springfield, Illinois.

THE ORGANIZATION – IMEA was established in 1984 to:

- Serve the combined long-term electric needs of nearly a 1,000MW peak to public power communities within Illinois
- Provide continuous long-term strategic joint planning for its members
- Aggregate its members' load requirements to take advantage of strength in numbers and diverse power supply opportunities
- Provide professional management of combined generation and transmission assets and day-to-day aggregate utility operations
- Provide for a long-term diverse mixture of generating types and fuel sources to reliably meet its members' future power and energy requirements at the lowest cost
- Develop and manage a predominantly cost-based resource portfolio with asset ownership opportunities, under the direct control of IMEA's Board of Directors
- 32 Full Requirements Municipal Power Sales Contracts
- Provides power supply and transmission services as well as other Member services including NERC compliance, energy efficiency, rebate program, marketing and economic development support
- FY 2021/22 Budget of \$334 million



ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Reports directly to the CEO and directly supervises all members of the Engineering and Energy Markets Department
- Responsible for the management, staffing, and administration of all engineering, energy markets and resource planning functions within the agency
- Acts as key advisor in managing the day-to-day operations with respect to policy and procedures to the Illinois Public Energy Agency (IPEA) and the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA) and the IMEA in coordination with the CEO
- Assists in financial and strategic planning as well as business and budget development for all three organizations as well as assuming the duties of the CEO in his absence
- Leads and actively manages IMEA's ownership and contract rights in the power supply resources and report such status to the CEO and the IMEA Board
- Acts as a strategic partner on the leadership team as well as a primary negotiator on long-term strategy and agency decisions
- Takes a leadership role in the governance and operational coordination for agency contracted and owned supply resources, stakeholder/citizen interactions as well as governing body(s)
- Provides organizational leadership in regulatory/Agency Board policy regarding owned generation and contracted resources
- Collaborates with the Senior Management Team to develop and implement plans for the operational infrastructure of systems, processes and personnel designed to accommodate the growth objectives of IMEA/IPEA/IMUA
- Develops, coordinates and manages systems, facilities, and procedures to provide for reliable electric and gas supply and delivery for the IMEA and IPEA, respectively
- Completes/manages transmission planning studies and integrated resource plans for the IMEA
- Manage IMEA generation construction projects and transmission improvements as needed
- Manages consultants and contractors employed in engineering and energy markets functions by the IMEA
- Maintains all engineering drawings, documents and reference material for the IMEA
- Develops annual and longer-term budgets for engineering and utility plant facilities and work with the CEO and other Senior Management staff to complete and gain Board(s) approval for annual agency budgets



THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

A Bachelor's degree in engineering/business administration from an accredited program and a Master's in business administration, engineering or advanced degree in an applicable discipline is preferred. Qualified candidates will also possess an understanding of the operations and engineering functions of a public utility obtained through 10 to 20 years progressive experience. A degree in engineering from an accredited engineering program is strongly preferred. Registration (or capability of becoming registered) as a Professional Engineer in Illinois within 6 months of hiring is also strongly preferred.

This individual should possess advanced computer skills to include the ability to develop new applications in spreadsheets and data base software to develop specific applications. Strong written skills are required for this position to express detailed technical concepts to a variety of audiences in reports, letters and memorandums. Strong verbal communication skills are necessary to communicate complex information in presentations, speeches and/or informal meetings.

In addition, IMEA seeks individuals that possess:

- Ability to provide day-to-day leadership and management
- Aptitude in sound decision-making and problem-solving in pressure situations
- Advanced analytical and mathematical skills
- The ability to work independently, set priorities, and manage multiple tasks/projects simultaneously
- An adeptness to lead and work well in a team oriented environment
- The capability to professionally handle confidential and personnel matters



THE COMMUNITY

Springfield is the State of Illinois' capital city and the home to 115,000 residents. The metropolitan county area surrounding the city totals roughly 212,000 residents. The city covers an area of 67 square miles with many parks, playgrounds, golf courses and hosts festivals and local events attracting national entertainment. Springfield is the home of the Illinois State Fair, Lake Springfield, a 4,260-acre reservoir, the University of Illinois at Springfield as well as many "Abraham Lincoln" historical sites.

For more information: www.visitspringfieldillinois.com

COMPENSATION, BENEFITS & RELOCATION

The salary will be competitive and commensurate with relevant experience. IMEA provides an exceptional benefits package, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, short-term and long-term disability, tuition reimbursement and an excellent retirement plan. IMEA will incur the customary costs associated with relocation.

TO APPLY

Please email resumes to Tammy Hall, Manager of Executive & Administrative Services, at thall@imea.org

IMEA is an Equal Opportunity Employer



Our Mission:

The mission of the IMEA is to provide member communities with quality utility services in a reliable, cost-effective and environmentally sensitive manner.