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Missouri Contracts with Urban League to Administer Energy Assistance Program in Metropolitan St. Louis

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis has recently received a contract for \$3,826,778 from the State of Missouri to serve as vendor of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program for the City of St. Louis. The LIHEAP program provides energy assistance to low-income households, which pay a high proportion of household income for home energy.

"I am pleased that the state has chosen the Urban League to provide services to its LIHEAP constituents. We looking forward to expediting the process in order to better serve the St. Louis and Wellston communities," said James H. Buford, president and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, Inc.

The Urban League has over 20 years of experience of providing utility assistance to disadvantaged residents with Ameren Dollar More, Missouri Emergency Shelter Grant, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, Heat-Up St. Louis and Cool Down St. Louis funds. For the past 15 years, the agency has had no financial findings or questioned costs on its A133 audits of which 77% of its funds are received from the federal government.

The Urban League will begin accepting LIHEAP applications on Nov. 1 at its headquarters on 3701 Grandel Square, St. Louis, MO 63108 so that citizens in St. Louis and Wellston have access to LIHEAP services heading into the winter months. In the meantime, citizens in St. Louis and Wellston can access the LIHEAP application at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/fsd/liheap.htm> and mail it to: Family Support Division, Attn: LIHEAP, P.O. Box 2320, Jefferson City, MO 65102-2320.



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The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis is the fourth largest National Urban League affiliate with a \$23 million budget and 210 employees. Each year, the Urban League works to fulfill its mission of Empowering Communities and Changing Lives of over 50,000 residents in the areas of Economic Empowerment, Educational Quality and Equality, Meeting Basic Needs, Civic Engagement and Social Justice. The Urban League is certified by the Better Business Bureau and is a proud member of the United Way of Greater St. Louis.

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