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Apex Clean Energy Announces Lincoln Land Conservation Grant

Morgan County, Illinois – August 5, 2020 – Apex Clean Energy is pleased to introduce the Lincoln Land Conservation Grant, a new initiative that will award funds to a conservation organization working to enhance plant and wildlife habitat in central Illinois.

The Lincoln Land Conservation Grant will award at least \$300,000 in implementation funding to the organization that proposes the strongest project to enhance regional habitat for migratory tree roosting bats, such as the hoary bat, the silver-haired bat, and the eastern red bat. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that will provide, enhance, or conserve summer and/or winter habitat for native, migratory tree-roosting bat species, though other projects benefitting these bat species will also be considered.

“We are so excited to introduce this new initiative in Morgan County,” said Jennie Geiger, Apex senior environmental permitting manager. “This innovative program demonstrates Apex’s commitment to going above and beyond the call of duty to advance sustainability in the areas where we work. Most of us got involved with renewable energy to help protect our nation’s wildlife and natural systems, so it means a lot to us to be able to offer this kind of support to the organizations that are working to enhance critical habitat on the ground.”

Parties interested in being considered as applicants for this program should submit a Letter of Interest to madeleine.ray@apexcleanenergy.com by November 15, 2020. More information on how to apply can be found at www.lincolnlandwind.com/conservation_grant. Up to five qualified organizations will be invited to submit a full application. A grant winner will be announced on May 1, 2021, with the expectation that grant funds will be awarded shortly thereafter.

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About the Apex Conservation Grant Program

The Apex Conservation Grant (ACG) Program aims to benefit local communities by providing project funding to nonprofits and non-governmental organizations that are working to enhance plant and wildlife habitat around Apex’s renewable energy developments. In support of Apex’s core value of sustainability, the ACG program seeks to award funding to local, regional, or national nonprofit organizations that are ready to execute meaningful projects focused on wildlife conservation and reforestation, flora restoration, or other environmental remediation. The Apex Conservation Grant Program aims to award a minimum of \$1,000 per megawatt (MW) of generated energy capacity for selected projects. Each ACG is unique, designed to serve the needs identified in the specific project’s region.

About Lincoln Land Wind

Lincoln Land Wind is a proposed 300 MW wind energy facility located in Morgan County, Illinois. The project is currently in development and seeking to complete construction in 2021.

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