



Jobs to Move America — Illinois

WHO ARE WE?

JOBS TO MOVE AMERICA is a national strategic policy center that works to transform public spending and corporate behavior using a comprehensive approach rooted in racial and economic justice and community organizing.

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Our governments—federal, state, and city—spend a combined \$2 trillion per year purchasing the goods and services that keep our cities running and our neighborhoods connected.

Jobs to Move America is waging campaigns in Illinois to ensure that the benefits accrued by the companies receiving public funding result in good jobs and community benefits and a cleaner environment.

OUR COALITION

Our Illinois team works with a broad collation of labor, workforce development, and environmental justice groups to fight for good jobs and healthy communities. Join us!

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WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST

Black, brown, and low-income communities in Chicago and throughout Illinois are struggling with the consequences of decades of disinvestment -- underfunded schools, unemployment, limited public transit, polluted and toxic environments. Our coalition is fighting for intentional, equitable public investment in our communities -- in clean transit and infrastructure that create family-sustaining jobs and support healthy communities.

WHAT'S THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT PLAN?

The U.S. Employment Plan is our federally-approved policy tool that incentivizes manufacturers bidding for public contracts to create good jobs for marginalized communities -- people of color, women, veterans, and formerly incarcerated workers -- and invest in new manufacturing facilities by scoring bid applications in part on the quality of their jobs plans. The USEP has been used by the Chicago Transit Authority, LA Metro, New York City Transit, and Amtrak.

GOOD JOBS AT CTA

The Chicago Transit Authority has used the USEP in two major procurements worth more than \$1.6 billion. The CTA's largest ever railcar procurement resulted in CRRRC building a new advanced manufacturing facility on the southeast side of Chicago in 2019. JMA also won a Community Benefits Agreement with CRRRC to ensure follow through on contract requirements and secure even more gains for workers. Our Illinois coalition is working with the CTA to craft a standing policy that would apply the USEP to all major procurements -- a change that could support up to 19,000 US jobs.

WORKER-CENTERED CLIMATE POLICY

We're working in coalition at the state level to ensure the Illinois transition to carbon-free power and electric vehicles delivers clean air and good jobs to people who need it most. As the state invests in new electric vehicles, the USEP can be used to boost our economy and get folks to work building zero-emission vehicles.

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