

Resolution No. 2010.14

**A Resolution Supporting OWES, LLC
Green Illinois Business Development Grant Application**

WHEREAS, Macoupin County and surrounding region has suffered substantial job loss associated with the closure of two active coal mines in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Macoupin County continues to feel the effect of the National recession; and

WHEREAS, the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership was created to aggressively pursue economic and community development strategies for all of Macoupin County; and

WHEREAS, after much collaboration, on October 26, 2009, OWES, LLC submitted a Green Illinois Business Development Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$4.8 million; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, OWES, LLC will invest over \$50 million in a manufacturing facility in Macoupin County; and

WHEREAS, the OWES, LLC facility will employ approximately 2,000 individuals from the entire region when fully operational; and

WHEREAS, the OWES, LLC grant provides DCEO an excellent opportunity to support "Green Jobs" in a region of Illinois that remains heavily dependent on the coal mining industry; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Macoupin County Board along with the Macoupin Economic Development Partnership supports the Green Illinois Business Development Grant application submitted by OWES, LLC in the amount of \$4.8 million; and

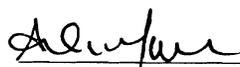
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this first resolution of the Partnership be delivered to the Macoupin County Board, State Representative Betsy Hannig, State Representative Jim Watson, State Senator Deanna Demuzio, State Senator Bill Haine, Congressman Phil Hare and Governor Pat Quinn.

SIGNED this 13th day of April, 2010.

Voting Yes: 25

Voting No: 0


Michele Zippay
Clerk
Macoupin County


Andrew Manar
Chairman of the Board
Macoupin County