

Illinois American Water President Rebecca Losli Named Chairperson of the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council



ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER WAS RANKED HIGHEST IN CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WITH LARGE WATER UTILITIES IN THE MIDWEST FOUR YEARS IN A ROW! SM

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Springfield, Ill. (February 8, 2024) -- Rebecca Losli, president of Illinois American Water, has been appointed chairperson of the board of the Illinois Utilities Business Diversity Council (IUBDC). Losli succeeds chairman and president of Ameren Illinois, Lenny Singh, who led the IUBDC in 2023, and remains an active member of the IUBDC Board of Directors.

Formed in 2015, IUBDC is a coalition of the state's leading utilities focused on increasing business for diverse suppliers through collaboration, technical development, and sharing of best practices. Charter members include Ameren Illinois, Commonwealth Edison, Illinois American Water, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas.

"IUBDC provides a unique platform for collaboration among the large utilities in Illinois," said Losli. "Our greatest strength is our collective ability to provide opportunities to minority-, women-, and veteran-owned suppliers. IUBDC empowers us to share best practices in supply chain procurement and diverse spending practices that benefit diverse suppliers and communities across Illinois."

As presented in the [2021-2022 IUBDC Economic Impact Report](#), IUBDC member utilities purchased \$1.5 billion dollars in goods and services from diverse businesses, including more than \$894 million dollars with Illinois-based diverse suppliers.

At its Annual Meeting, the council recognized recipients of IUBDC-funded scholarships, all diverse suppliers in the utilities industry, to attend the Kellogg Advanced Management Education Program at Northwestern University. The Emmett Vaughn Scholarships are named for the late Emmett Vaughn, who served as director of the Office of Diverse Business Empowerment at Exelon Corporation and was a graduate of the Kellogg School of Management.

IUBDC recognized these Emmet Vaughn Scholarship recipients:

- Abe Adewale from ABNA Engineering
- Alan Jackson from Archview Services
- Ronald Givens from GIVSCO Construction

Additionally, Anjanette Brooks of Ameren was awarded IUBDC's Jerry Garland Award for Excellence in Supplier Diversity. Brooks is a senior

supplier diversity specialist and a member of IUBDC's Education and Best Practices Committee.

For more information about IUBDC programs and services, visit www.iubdc.com.

About American Water

American Water (NYSE: AWK) is the largest regulated water and wastewater utility company in the United States. With a history dating back to 1886, We Keep Life Flowing® by providing safe, clean, reliable and affordable drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people with regulated operations in 14 states and on 18 military installations. American Water's 6,500 talented professionals leverage their significant expertise and the company's national size and scale to achieve excellent outcomes for the benefit of customers, employees, investors and other stakeholders.

As one of the fastest growing utilities in the U.S., American Water expects to invest \$34 to \$38 billion in infrastructure repairs and replacement, system resiliency and regulated acquisitions over the next 10 years. The company has a long-standing history of executing its core operations, aligned with sustainable best practices, through its commitments to safety, affordability, customer service, protecting the environment, an inclusive workforce and strengthening communities.

American Water has been recognized on the 2023 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index for the fifth consecutive year, ranked 18th on Barron's 100 Most Sustainable U.S. Companies 2023 List, earned the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFETY Act designation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense® Excellence Award, among additional state, local and national recognitions.

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About Illinois American Water

Illinois American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. American Water also operates a quality control and research laboratory in Belleville. For more information, visit www.illinoisamwater.com and follow Illinois American Water on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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