

To: Members of the Illinois Finance Authority  
From: Chris Meister, Executive Director  
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### **This Month's Conduit Bond Agenda**

This month's agenda includes a bond resolution for *The University of Chicago* in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1.9 billion, which is the largest transaction the Authority has considered since its inception over 20 years ago. Members of Authority also have under consideration bond issue resolutions for *Bradley University* and *Museum of Science and Industry*, as well as resolutions regarding amendments to outstanding bonds issued by the Authority on behalf of *Catholic Charities* and *Concordia University*.

### **Today's Guest Speakers**

#### ***Conduit Bonds***

The Authority extends a warm welcome to *Jennie Bennett*, Associate Vice President for Finance of The University of Chicago. The Authority is proud to be the conduit issuer of choice for both *The University of Chicago* and *The University of Chicago Medical Center* - globally recognized institutions that enhance the competitiveness of the State of Illinois.

#### ***Climate Bank Report***

1. *JC Kibbey* – State of Illinois Climate Advisor – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
2. *Nicole Bateman*, President of the Economic Development Corporation of Decatur-Macon County, and *Carly McCrory-McKay*, Executive Director of the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation.
3. *Meera Raja*, Vice President/Deep Tech, P33, a nonprofit that is an international and collaborative effort led by Chicago business and tech leaders across the private and public sectors, and *Chad Phillips*, Federal Policy Manager, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
4. *Reverend Tony Pierce*, Vice President, Green Energy Justice Cooperative.