

Christopher W. Williams
President & CEO, Millennium Solar Electric

Christopher W. Williams is an accomplished energy executive, entrepreneur, and thought leader with extensive experience in the renewable energy sector. As President & CEO of Millennium Solar Electric, he has led groundbreaking initiatives to foster innovation, improve energy efficiency, and expand access to clean power solutions. Under his leadership, Millennium Solar Electric has become a trusted partner for communities, utilities, and government agencies seeking to enhance sustainability, reliability, and resiliency in their energy portfolios.

A third-generation electrician, Mr. Williams learned his craft from his father and uncles, helping to establish a successful family-owned electrical contracting business in the 1990s. He became a Lead Electrician on residential and commercial projects during the housing and commercial boom of the late 1990s. In 2000, he obtained his Electrical License and founded Millennium Electric. He incorporated Millennium Solar Electric in 2010, building on his passion for renewable energy to create a thriving business recognized for its commitment to innovation and excellent service.

Mr. Williams's expertise is grounded in rigorous hands-on training at the Midwest Renewable Energy Educational Institute in Wisconsin—one of the nation's premier solar institutes—where he earned multiple certifications in Photovoltaic (PV) Installation. Recognizing a growing interest in renewable energy, he founded the South Suburban Renewable Energy Association (SSREA) in 2009, a nonprofit dedicated to educating communities, businesses, and young adults about the benefits and opportunities in renewable energy.

In 2010, Mr. Williams began teaching PV courses at Governors State University in University Park, Illinois, and has since led numerous training sessions for individuals and organizations, including local labor unions. In 2015, he developed a solar program for ComEd, providing high school students and participants of ComEd Construct with hands-on training in solar technology. Building on that success, in 2018 he founded the Millennium Solar Electric Training Academy (MSETA), now a Joint Registered Apprenticeship program—which has successfully trained over 700 students for clean energy careers. During that same year, he partnered with Elevate Energy, Saffer Foundation, Blacks in Green, and Faith in Place to implement the first FEJA (Future Energy Jobs Act) training program in the State of Illinois.

Currently, Mr. Williams is developing innovative solar projects at City Colleges and building solar farms in low-income communities, helping bridge gaps in access to clean energy solutions while creating economic opportunities. He has also spent more than a decade in the utilities industry, devising strategies for capital access, infrastructure modernization, and operational excellence.

A passionate advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, Mr. Williams actively mentors emerging professionals and collaborates with industry leaders to create equitable pathways into the energy and manufacturing sectors. He frequently speaks at conferences, summits, and panel

discussions, offering insights on capital investment, public-private partnerships, and the evolving landscape of clean energy.