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Mission

The Local Organic Initiative (LOI) will support the growth of a regional food system in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana with a goal to supply a significant portion of the organic food consumed in the Chicago area and throughout the region. The LOI will help a network of regional organic farms grow and prosper by developing a strong regional distribution system, supporting farmer training and development programs, securing philanthropic and government support, and creating a multi-media marketing program. This program will be a significant tool for local economic development, spurring job creation in urban and rural areas. By developing a regional food system, the LOI will minimize transportation and environmental costs, encourage sustainable public policy, provide food to underserved communities, build local economies, produce safe and healthy food, and support family farms.

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