



**Illinois Power Agency
Evaluator RFP
Offeror Q&A Workshop
(*Reissued RFP*)**

Illinois Solar for All Evaluation

June 4, 2025

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Evaluator Selection Process Timeline



Request for Stakeholder Feedback – Released December 2, 2024 (*completed*)

Stakeholder Feedback Webinar – December 16, 2024 (*completed*)

Stakeholder Feedback Responses Due – December 20, 2024 (*completed*)

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) (*completed*)

Original - Request for Proposals (RFP) (*closed – May 16, 2025*)

Reissued Request for Proposals, 25-RFP-01 (rev) (*in process*)

Publish/Reissued RFP – May 23, 2025 (*completed*)

Offeror Q&A Workshop – June 3, 11a-12p CPT (**Ongoing**)



Offeror Written Questions Due – June 6 by 5p CPT (**Ongoing**)

Proposal Responses Due – June 13, 2025 by 5p CPT (**Ongoing**)

Evaluator Selection Award & Announced – July 7, 2025 (**Pending ICC Approval**)

Prospective Contract Start – July 28, 2025 (**tentative**)

Origin in IPA Act

- **Section 1-56(b)(6) of Illinois Power Agency Act in part:**
 - *“At least every 2 years, the Agency shall select an independent evaluator to review and report on the Illinois Solar for All Program and the performance of the third-party program administrator of the Illinois Solar for All Program. The evaluation shall be based on objective criteria developed through a stakeholder process. The process shall include feedback and participation from Illinois Solar for All Program stakeholders, including participants and organizations in environmental justice and historically underserved communities. The report shall include a summary of the evaluation of the Illinois Solar for All Program based on the stakeholder developed objective criteria.”*

Background & Overview

- Agency has completed two previous ILSFA Evaluator RFP cycles
 - First cycle reported on the first three program years (18-19, 19-20, 20-21)
 - Second cycle (currently ongoing) will report on Program Years 21-22, 22-23, and 23-24
- The next cycle and the focus of this Evaluator RFP will focus on Program Years 24-25 and 25-26
- The selected evaluator will also evaluate additional specific topics through mid-year reports
- The RFP continues to be comprised of five sections and a series of Attachments, including the RFP Background and Description, Instructions on submitting proposals, and Sections 1 through 3 (checklists, signature pages, specifications and technical proposal details, and pricing proposal details).

Prospective Offerors are instructed to review the entire Solicitation package and provide a complete and fully executed Submission Package as instructed in the RFP.

RFP Updates and Alterations

- The Evaluator RFP (25-RFP-01 rev) remains largely consistent with the previously issued RFP.
- The drive behind the original RFP being closed (without Offer award) was for two preeminent reasons:
 - The prospect of legislative changes that could have changed the term of the IPA-Offeror contract term and/or frequency of Evaluator RFPs (did not come to pass in May 2025, but could in the future)
 - Challenges surrounding Offeror proposal submissions in support of Section I.17, References, and Attachment GG.
- Reissuance provides Offerors to refresh and/or entirely-resubmit Proposals. However, there is no obligation to update or otherwise alter the original proposals.

Offerors must resubmit a Proposal, even if there was no change as compared to the prior proposal submission. Prior proposals will not be pulled forward.

Summary of Reissued RFP Changes

- **Key changes include:**
 - The “Background” and “Brief Description” sections on pages 1 – 3.
 - Section I.4 (“Offeror Questions and Agency Response”)
 - Section I.5 (“Submission Due Date, Time, and Address For Submission”)
 - Section I.10 (“Award”)
 - Section I.14 (“Interview/Presentation”)
 - Section I.19 (“Timeline”)
 - Section 2.2 (“Scope of Evaluation”)
 - Section 2.3 (“Milestones and Deliverables”)
 - Section 2.7 (“References”)
 - Attachment DD (“Standard Terms and Conditions”)
 - Attachment JJ (“References”)

Offerors are encouraged to review RFP documents posted on the IPA website, including a redline of the RFP detailing changes from the prior RFP issuance.

Additional Important Notations

- **Minority, Female, and Persons with disability participation and utilization plan**
 - **Utilization goal of 30% has been established for this RFP**
- **If you have questions on the development of your Utilization Plan (U-Plan), meeting the BEP targets, and so on, please reach out.**
 - **Kate Clifford (within the IPA) is available to help answer questions related to our RFP in this area and in U-Plan development**
 - **See Section I.17, which includes contact information for the State BEP Liaison – Leslie Taylor as well.**

Offeror Questions & Answers

RFP/RFQ materials

- **Primary ILSFA Evaluator RFP page: [Stakeholder Engagement](#)**
 - See: “Illinois Solar for All Program Evaluation Process”
- **The RFP itself can be found [here](#)**
 - [Redline comparison](#) to prior RFP
- **BEP Certification & guidance links (see section I.17):**
 - Certification: [BEP Certification](#)
 - Guidance Document: [GOOD FAITH EFFORTS GUIDANCE.pdf](#)

**Previously released Evaluation Reports and Annual Program Summaries can be found on the Illinois Solar for All website
(Link: [Evaluation & Reports – Illinois Solar for All](#))**

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