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Personally. I always have felt a 2nd Q June 30 close would be a great way to close a program year.

Commence business on the first Monday after the July 4th Holiday.

Stakeholders and everybody involved come back ready to roll. There's a perception of reward and rest and return. Sort of fits in with circadian rhythms in a strange way.

Also. Differentiating EEC projects further is a great idea because it exposes the importance and the potential of these EEC's and the value in AVs collaborating with us. It benefits everyone when everyone works toward making money through doing good.

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Some of the barriers that exist for EECs - specifically felonious ones like myself- are often times not able to get a lease on an office space or a corporate bank account or many of the things that a felony excludes one from being able to access. Things that non felonious individuals take for granted.

Business insurance and financial services are going to be a huge barrier for EECs. We will always need to rely on other people to help us get the necessary services.

Maybe a credit union sponsored by IPA or a specialty lending company? One that specifically caters to the Illinois Solar Struggles of the Future.

THANK YOU for providing the opportunity to me and all other EECs that need a break. You guys are wonderful. I think it's safe to say on behalf of all those EECs- you guys are life changers.

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I think that carve outs for the EEC projects should used. If a particular segment of the different project types creates more progress than just using caps than those "types " of projects should be given preference.

If you limit an EECs ability to work with an AV that wants to collaborate, it limits their ability to succeed going forward because EECs are trying to overcome a stigma that society- both personal and professional- has attached to us. Obviously there are going to be nefarious situations and partnerships but let the EEC figure out if he or she is being used. It will sort itself out without limits to partnership possibilities.

If someone wants to move to an ECIC and they want to help improve a community and provide opportunities- than they have skin in the game. If everyone has skin in the game they should be afforded the benefits of that decision to go and do.

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Because I don't have any real world actual development yet I don't feel qualified to be giving any feedback on some of the topics.

Entertainment. Should never be part of a business plan that should be submitted to get an advance of capital. EECs are getting a tremendous opportunity to be involved in the greatest growth industry since the railroads. Shame on us if we usurp our opportunity.