

Sangamon Solar – Chapter 7 LTP Feedback

1. Should Illinois Shines adopt the same definition of “small and emerging business” as Illinois Solar for All? If not, please provide details on an alternative definition. - **Aligning the ILSFA and IL Shines program to be as similar as possible seems reasonable. Having both aligned would help small businesses exist within the market while not having to worry about qualifying in one but not the other.**
2. What are potential benefits of reducing the initial batch submission size from 100 kW to 25 kW for small and emerging businesses to enhance processing? If this change is not ideal, is there an alternative initial batch submission size that is more appropriate? Please provide additional support to your proposal. - **Reducing the batch size to 25kW for small businesses would help get more companies to launch into the program. If the average small DG is around 10kW having 10 systems sold before they can begin processing the applications is a tall order that could take months. This timeline would impact the return for their customers as well.**
3. What factors should the Agency consider in weighing whether to allow for the refund of collateral for a first batch to small and emerging businesses? What additional criteria beyond qualifying as a small and emerging business could the Agency apply? - **A refund of collateral for the first batch would help small businesses significantly. The program is challenging to learn how to navigate. These challenges can lead to mistakes and ultimately forfeiting the collateral depending on the nature of the mistake. By allowing grace in the form of collateral return that would lessen the impact on the business and customers.**