

## Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: ICC Has Approved the Results of the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

Published Date: July 24, 2024

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) approved the results of the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP for Ameren Illinois Company, Commonwealth Edison Company, and MidAmerican Energy Company.

The Procurement Administrator is releasing information concerning the results of the procurement event. Please see the [Results](#) page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Bid Window Closing in 30 Minutes!

Published Date: July 18, 2024

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP closes at **12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TODAY, July 18, 2024**. All Bids must be submitted during the Bid Window and you must be available by phone during the cure deficiency period following the Bid Window between 12 PM (noon) to 1 PM CPT.

The confidential information for purposes of submitting your Bids has a **pink** background. Your login information for access to the secure bid transfer site and security code are provided in your confidential information. **Please notify the Procurement Administrator immediately if you are missing materials needed to submit your Bid and this information will be re-issued to you.**

Please contact us at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com) for any questions regarding the bid submission process.

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## Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

# Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Bid Window is **NOW OPEN!**

Published Date: July 18, 2024

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# Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: TODAY is the Bid Date!

Published Date: July 18, 2024

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Tomorrow is the Bid Date!

Published Date: July 17, 2024

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP is from **10 AM to 12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TOMORROW, July 18, 2024**. The Bid Window is followed by a cure deficiency period from 12 PM (noon) to 1 PM Central Prevailing Time. Your Bid Form must be received during the Bid Window and you must be available during the cure deficiency period to address any inconsistencies or errors in your Bid Form.

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## Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Supplier Fee; Guidelines on Contract Execution Process

Published Date: July 16, 2024

A Project selected through the Indexed REC RFP and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission will be assessed a Supplier Fee that will be due within seven (7) business days after ICC approval of the Bids. The Supplier Fee is **\$1.10 times the Annual Quantity of RECs** bid for a Project (which is equivalent to about \$0.055 per REC assessed on the anticipated quantity of RECs over the entire 20-year delivery term).

For illustrative purposes, we provide below an example of the calculation of the Supplier Fees that will be due to the Illinois Power Agency. If a Project is selected through the Indexed REC RFP and is approved by the ICC, and if the annual quantity won for the Project is 100,000 RECs, then the Supplier Fees due would be \$110,000, which is calculated as follows:

Supplier Fee per REC	= \$1.10 per REC of the annual quantity
Annual Quantity	= 100,000 RECs
<b>Supplier Fee for Project</b>	= Supplier Fee x annual quantity = \$1.10 x 100,000 RECs = \$110,000

The post-bid process is discussed in Section VI.2 of the RFP Rules, and the contract execution process for each Company is fully described in Paragraph VI.2.17. of the RFP Rules. A summary of the process is available upon request. Please email your request to the Procurement Administrator at [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).

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## Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Bid Submission Training TODAY, July 11

Published Date: July 11, 2024

A training session for Bidders in the Indexed REC RFP is scheduled for **TODAY, July 11, 2024 from 12 PM (noon) to 2 PM Central Prevailing Time**. During the session, you will be able to ask questions about the Bid Form and you will be able to practice all aspects of the bid submission procedure that you will use on the Bid Date. Bidder training is done via the Procurement Administrator's Secure Bid Transfer interface and is not conducted via a webcast.

**Please have on hand the Invitation to Bidder Training, Bid Form, Confidential Information for Training (blue background), and the Bid Form Guide.** These documents were distributed with the Part 1 Notification via the [application website](#) on June 17, 2024.

Please contact the Procurement Administrator if you are missing any of the materials for the training session. If you are unable to practice the bid submission procedures during this timeframe, please contact the Procurement Administrator and either: (i) schedule an alternate time on July 12-16 to practice the bid submission procedures; or (ii) confirm with the Procurement Administrator that you are declining the opportunity to practice the bid submission procedures prior to the applicable Bid Date.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Bid Submission Training on Thursday, July 11

Published Date: July 9, 2024

A training session for Bidders in the Indexed REC RFP is scheduled for **Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 12 PM (noon) to 2 PM Central Prevailing Time**. During the session, you will be able to ask questions about the Bid Form and you will be able to practice all aspects of the bid submission procedure that you will use on the Bid Date. Bidder training is done via the Procurement Administrator's Secure Bid Transfer interface and is not conducted via a webcast.

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## Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due TODAY, July 9 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: July 9, 2024

**Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT TODAY, July 9, 2024.** You can access the [online Part 2 Form](#) using the same login credentials you used to access the online Part 1 Form. Please follow the instructions provided to you by email on **June 7, 2024** for submitting bid assurance collateral for the Indexed REC RFP.

The final lists of acceptable modifications for the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit – Electronic Version and the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit – Hardcopy Version are posted to the [Final Materials](#) page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website. These documents are relevant only to Bidders providing a letter of credit as bid assurance collateral.

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "[Ask a Question](#)" page of the procurement website.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due Tuesday, July 9 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: July 8, 2024

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## Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

# Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due Tuesday, July 9 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: July 2, 2024

The Part 2 Window for the Indexed REC RFP is now open. You can access the [online Part 2 Form](#) using the same login credentials you used to access the online Part 1 Form. **Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.**

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# Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due Tuesday, July 9 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: June 25, 2024

The Part 2 Window for the Indexed REC RFP is now open. You can access the [online Part 2 Form](#) using the same login credentials you used to access the online Part 1 Form. **Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.**

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Published Date: June 18, 2024

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## Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due TODAY, June 3 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: June 3, 2024

In order to submit a Bid for a Project in the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP, a Bidder must submit a Proposal, which consists of two (2) parts. The first part of the Proposal, the Part 1 Proposal, is the Bidder's response to the qualification standards under the RFP Rules. Part 1 Proposals are submitted via the online Part 1 Form during the Part 1 Window. The Part 1 Window is open. **Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT TODAY, June 3, 2024.**

**If you have not done so already, please register for an account to access the online Part 1 Form [here](#) under the Contact Us page.** Select the "Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower" category. Please include your name, company name, email address, phone number, and the number of projects for which you intend to submit a Proposal. **A separate Proposal must be submitted for each Project.** The Procurement Administrator will issue account activation and qualification form instructions to individuals that have registered. Only one account will be issued to a company.

Bidders that activate their account can log on to the online form [here](#) or select Qualification Form under the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section on the side navigation panel of the [procurement website](#) and choose "If you have an account, please [log in here](#)".

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Monday, June 3 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: May 30, 2024

In order to submit a Bid for a Project in the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP, a Bidder must submit a Proposal, which consists of two (2) parts. The first part of the Proposal, the Part 1 Proposal, is the Bidder's response to the qualification standards under the RFP Rules. Part 1 Proposals are submitted via the online Part 1 Form during the Part 1 Window. The Part 1 Window is open. **Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Monday, June 3, 2024.**

**If you have not done so already, please register for an account to access the online Part 1 Form [here](#) under the Contact Us page.** Select the "Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower" category. Please include your name, company name, email address, phone number, and the number of projects for which you intend to submit a Proposal. **A separate Proposal must be submitted for each Project.** The Procurement Administrator will issue account activation and qualification form instructions to individuals that have registered. Only one account will be issued to a company.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Monday, June 3 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: May 23, 2024

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Monday, June 3 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: May 16, 2024

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## Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Part 1 Window is Open!; Register for an Account to Access the Online Part 1 Form

Published Date: May 6, 2024

In order to submit a Bid for a Project in the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP, a Bidder must submit a Proposal, which consists of two (2) parts. The first part of the Proposal, the Part 1 Proposal, is the Bidder's response to the qualification standards under the RFP Rules. Part 1 Proposals are submitted via the online Part 1 Form during the Part 1 Window. The Part 1 Window is open. **Part 1 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Monday, June 3, 2024.**

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## Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Bidder Information Webcast Materials

Published Date: May 2, 2024

The Procurement Administrator posted the presentation materials and the audio recording from the bidder information webcast held on May 2, 2024 to the [Final Materials](#) page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the website.

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## Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

# Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Webcast Scheduled for TODAY, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT)

Published Date: May 2, 2024

The IPA's 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan ("2024 Long-Term Plan") provides for a Summer 2024 procurement of RECs from new utility-scale wind projects, new utility-scale solar projects, new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam (the "Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP").

A bidder information webcast for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP will be held **TODAY, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT)** and is open to all prospective bidders. Representatives of NERA, the Procurement Administrator, will provide an overview of the terms of the Indexed REC Contract and the RFP Process and Rules including qualification requirements. Time is scheduled for questions.

If you wish to participate, please [RSVP](#) with the number of phone connections needed. Call-in information will be provided to respondents.

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## Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Final Indexed REC Contract and Final RFP Documents

Published Date: May 1, 2024

The Procurement Administrator has posted the final Indexed REC Contract and final RFP Documents for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP to the [Final Materials](#) page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website. These documents are dated May 1, 2024.

A bidder information webcast will be held tomorrow, Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT), and is open to all prospective bidders. Representatives of NERA, the Procurement Administrator, will provide an overview of the terms of the Indexed REC Contract and the RFP Process and Rules including the qualification requirements.

If you wish to participate, and have not done so already, please [RSVP](#) with the number of phone connections needed. Call-in information will be provided to respondents on the morning of the webcast.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT: Illinois Power Agency Updates Equity Investment Eligible Community Map

Published Date: April 30, 2024

As of April 29, 2024, the [IPA's Equity Investment Eligible Community map](#) has been refreshed to include the updated R3 Areas. These R3 Area designations were determined through a process conducted by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority ("ICJIA") regarding the [R3 maps](#). For this process, ICJIA utilized the new 2020 census and geography information, unemployment indicators, child poverty indicators, and reflected a five-year time span.

Equity Eligible Investment Communities ("EIEC") are comprised of R3 Areas as established pursuant to Section 10-40 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, where residents have historically been excluded from economic opportunities, including opportunities in the energy sector; and Environmental justice communities, as defined by the Illinois Power Agency pursuant to the Illinois Power Agency Act, where residents have historically been subject to disproportionate burdens of pollution, including pollution from the energy sector. For Program Year 2024-25, the Equity Investment Eligible Community map, will include both the updated R3 Areas identified through new analysis and previously identified R3 Areas. This update increases the total number of R3 Areas in central and southern Illinois. Equity Eligible Persons' status based on residency may be affected by the changes. As stated in Section 10.1.1. of [the 2024 Long-Term Plan](#), the IPA will incorporate the R3 map updates while continuing to consider areas from the previous R3 map as EIECs for the 2024-25 Program Year. The R3 map is expected to be updated every four years. For individuals whose EEP status is affected by the EIEC map update, their status will change at the next recertification - i.e., two years after they first certify for workforce EEPs and at the next registration renewal for EEPs that are majority-owners of EECs. For EECs that may lose the status of EEC due to a majority-owner EEP no longer qualifying as an EEP, any projects already under contract through the EEC Category will not be affected by that loss of status. Similarly, any projects that have received points in project selection due to contracting with an EEC Designee will not be penalized for a downstream change in the EEC status of that designee due to a map update.

The IPA plans for previously eligible areas no longer identified as R3 Areas to be removed from the EIEC map on June 1, 2025.

As [announced on September 28, 2023](#), the IPA updated the EIEC map to reflect the new Solar for All Environmental Justice Community map.

Lastly, as part of the EIEC map refresh, the IPA has updated the EIEC map instructions to improve the user experience. Furthermore, the EIEC map shapefiles are now available to the public. These enhancements reflect the IPA's ongoing commitment to transparency and accessibility around DEI initiatives.

For questions, please contact [IPA.EnergyEquity@illinois.gov](mailto:IPA.EnergyEquity@illinois.gov).

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Webcast Scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT)

Published Date: April 26, 2024

The IPA's 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan ("2024 Long-Term Plan") provides for a Summer 2024 procurement of RECs from new utility-scale wind projects, new utility-scale solar projects, new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam (the "Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP").

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If you wish to participate, please [RSVP](#) with the number of phone connections needed. Call-in information will be provided to respondents on the morning of the webcast.

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## Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Revised Calendar for Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

Published Date: April 24, 2024

On April 24, 2024, the Procurement Administrator posted a revised calendar for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP to the [Calendar](#) page of the procurement website. **The Final REC Contract and RFP documents will be issued on Wednesday, May 1, 2024** instead of April 26, 2024. No other changes were made to the deadlines.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments on Benchmark Categories of Inputs, Assumptions and Data Sources Due Wednesday, April 24

Published Date: April 23, 2024

The IPA’s 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“2024 Long-Term Plan”) provides for a Summer 2024 procurement of RECs from new utility-scale wind projects, new utility-scale solar projects, new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam (the “Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP”).

Chapter 5.8 of the 2024 Long-Term Plan describes a new comment process to be held as part of the benchmark development process for each Indexed REC procurement event. Recognizing that potential bidders have a strong interest in understanding and helping shape the inputs and assumptions informing benchmark development, while also balancing that interest against the need to maintain the confidentiality of benchmarks and ensure the integrity of the competitive bidding process, potential bidders and other stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to comment on:

- Categories of cost, revenue, and other inputs and assumptions utilized within the benchmark development methodology; and
- General data sources potentially utilized by the Procurement Administrator, without revealing any specific data points or values anticipated to be utilized and without linking any specific data source to any specific input category.

Additional information on the comment process, benchmark development process, and benchmark use in competitive procurement events is provided in an Invitation to Comment posted on the [procurement website](#). The Procurement Administrator invites feedback from participants of past procurement events for RECs, prospective participants, and other interested parties.

The timeline and process for interested parties to provide comments is as follows:

- Please submit an attachment with your comments by email to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).
- Please provide telephone and e-mail contact information in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments.
- **Please indicate the category of project for which your comment applies:** utility-scale wind project (projects over 5 MW), new utility-scale solar project (projects over 5 MW), new brownfield site photovoltaic project, or new hydropower project at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower project at an existing dam.
- If applicable, please provide any link to a new data source or backup documentation with your submission.

**The deadline to provide comments is on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 and all comments should be sent to [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).**

All responses will be made public and published on the Procurement Administrator’s website ([www.ipa-energyrfp.com](http://www.ipa-energyrfp.com)), subject to redaction. The IPA and Procurement Administrator will review and consider any comments received. The proposed benchmark prices submitted to the ICC for approval will remain confidential, and the impact of the comments received on the proposed benchmarks will remain confidential.

Please direct all questions to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).

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## Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

# Illinois Power Agency Published Final 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan

Published Date: April 22, 2024

On April 19, 2024, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) published its 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“2024 Long-Term Plan”) and appendices on the [Current Approved Plans](#) page of the IPA website. The 2024 Long-Term Plan was approved with modifications by the Illinois Commerce Commission on February 20, 2024.

The 2024 Long-Term Plan outlines goals, strategies, and requirements for the IPA’s renewable energy programs and procurements. It also covers renewable energy procurement and programmatic activities over the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 program years.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Webcast Scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT)

Published Date: April 18, 2024

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## **Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Webcast Scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT)**

Published Date: April 12, 2024

The IPA's 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan ("2024 Long-Term Plan") provides for a Summer 2024 procurement of RECs from new utility-scale wind projects, new utility-scale solar projects, new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam (the "Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP").

A bidder information webcast for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 3PM (CPT) and is open to all prospective bidders. Representatives of NERA, the Procurement Administrator, will provide an overview of the terms of the Indexed REC Contract and the RFP Process and Rules including qualification requirements. Time is scheduled for questions.

If you wish to participate, please [RSVP](#) with the number of phone connections needed. Call-in information will be provided to respondents on the morning of the webcast.

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## Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Stakeholder Comment Process on Benchmark Categories of Inputs, Assumptions and Data Sources

Published Date: April 10, 2024

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Chapter 5.8 of the 2024 Long-Term Plan describes a new comment process to be held as part of the benchmark development process for each Indexed REC procurement event. Recognizing that potential bidders have a strong interest in understanding and helping shape the inputs and assumptions informing benchmark development, while also balancing that interest against the need to maintain the confidentiality of benchmarks and ensure the integrity of the competitive bidding process, potential bidders and other stakeholders will be provided an opportunity to comment on:

- Categories of cost, revenue, and other inputs and assumptions utilized within the benchmark development methodology; and
- General data sources potentially utilized by the Procurement Administrator, without revealing any specific data points or values anticipated to be utilized and without linking any specific data source to any specific input category.

Additional information on the comment process, benchmark development process, and benchmark use in competitive procurement events is provided in an Invitation to Comment posted on the [procurement website](#). The Procurement Administrator invites feedback from participants of past procurement events for RECs, prospective participants, and other interested parties.

The timeline and process for interested parties to provide comments is as follows:

- Please submit an attachment with your comments by email to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).
- Please provide telephone and e-mail contact information in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments.
- **Please indicate the category of project for which your comment applies:** utility-scale wind project (projects over 5 MW), new utility-scale solar project (projects over 5 MW), new brownfield site photovoltaic project, or new hydropower project at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower project at an existing dam.
- If applicable, please provide any link to a new data source or backup documentation with your submission.

**The deadline to provide comments is on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 and all comments should be sent to [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).**

All responses will be made public and published on the Procurement Administrator's website ([www.ipa-energyrfp.com](http://www.ipa-energyrfp.com)), subject to redaction. The IPA and Procurement Administrator will review and consider any comments received. The proposed benchmark prices submitted to the ICC for approval will remain confidential, and the impact of the comments received on the proposed benchmarks will remain confidential.

Please direct all questions to the Procurement Administrator at: [Illinois-RFP@nera.com](mailto:Illinois-RFP@nera.com).

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## Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements Due TODAY, April 5

Published Date: April 5, 2024

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- If providing feedback on the Draft Indexed REC Contract, please submit your comments with track changes in Microsoft Word. We strongly encourage you to provide explanatory notes either in a separate document or highlighted in tracked changes.
- If providing feedback on the Preliminary Proposal Requirements, please include a reference to the section name, from the left-hand column of the respective table, that is applicable to the requirement for which you are providing comment(s).

**The deadline to provide comments is TODAY, April 5, 2024.**

To receive updates and information regarding the Indexed REC RFP, please click [here](#) to register to our mailing list.

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements Due TOMORROW, April 5

Published Date: April 4, 2024

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**The deadline to provide comments is TOMORROW, April 5, 2024.**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT: FEJA Job Training Programs and Grantees List Published on Energy Workforce Equity Portal**

Published Date: March 29, 2024

On March 20, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA” or “Agency”) updated the Energy Workforce Equity Portal with the [Future Energy Jobs Act \(FEJA\) Job Training Program List](#). The list can be accessed by clean energy companies participating in the IPA’s Illinois Shines program, Self-direct Program, and utility-scale procurements so that they can identify graduates of qualified FEJA job training programs for which they are actively hiring Equity Eligible Persons (EEPs) to meet the Minimum Equity Standard. Under the law, graduates and current or former participants of the Solar Training Pipeline and Multi-cultural Jobs program automatically qualify to become EEPs, and these workforce development programs offer job and skill set training in the electric and solar industry, resulting in potential job placement in the clean energy, electrical, or construction sector.

The list referenced above can also be found on the Employers page and the FEJA and CEJA Workforce Training Programs page of the [Energy Workforce Equity Portal](#).

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## Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements Due April 5

Published Date: March 26, 2024

Public Act 102-0662 (the “Climate and Equitable Jobs Act”) was signed into law and became effective on September 15, 2021. On January 1, 2024, Public Act 103-0380, related to the procurement of RECs from certain hydropower projects, was signed into law and became effective. In accordance with Public Act 102-0662, the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) filed the 2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan (“2024 Long-Term Plan”) with the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC”) on October 20, 2023. The ICC issued a Final Order approving the 2024 Long-Term Plan with modifications on February 20, 2024.

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## Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Revised Calendar for Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP

Published Date: March 21, 2024

On March 21, 2024, the Procurement Administrator posted a revised calendar for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP to the [Calendar](#) page of the procurement website. **The Bid Date has changed to July 18, 2024** from June 26, 2024. Corresponding changes were made to several deadlines related to the proposal process as well.

The Procurement Administrator posted the Draft REC Contract, Preliminary Proposal Requirements, and a Draft Term Sheet along with an invitation to comment on March 15, 2024. Comments on the documents are due by April 5, 2024. The documents are posted to the [Draft Documents](#) page.

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## Illinois Power Agency Request for Stakeholder Feedback on Proposed Equity Accountability System Assessment Plan

Published Date: March 21, 2024

The Illinois Power Agency Act (“IPA Act”) directs the Illinois Power Agency (“IPA”) to assess the effectiveness of the Equity Accountability System to determine the extent to which it has advanced its goal of increasing participation of Equity Eligible Persons and Equity Eligible Contractors in IPA programs and procurements. On March 20, 2024, the IPA posted its proposed Equity Accountability System (EAS) Assessment Plan including the objectives, data collection scope, and methodology along with a request for stakeholder feedback on the proposed plan.

Additional background information, the IPA’s proposed EAS Assessment Plan, and the request for feedback can be found here: [Equity Accountability System Assessment](#).

**Comments on the proposed plan are due on April 10, 2024, and should be submitted to [IPA.ContactUs@illinois.gov](mailto:IPA.ContactUs@illinois.gov) with the subject line “[Responder’s Name] – Stakeholder Feedback on EAS Assessment.”**

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## Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Invitation to Comment on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements

Published Date: March 15, 2024

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## **Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP for Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower Projects Scheduled**

Published Date: February 23, 2024

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As approved by the ICC, the 2024 Long-Term Plan provides for a procurement of Indexed Renewable Energy Credits (“Indexed RECs”) from new utility-scale wind projects, new utility-scale solar projects, new brownfield site photovoltaic projects, and certain hydropower projects this Summer 2024.

The schedule for the Summer 2024 Indexed REC RFP is posted to the [Calendar](#) page of the procurement website. A draft version of the Indexed REC Contract along with preliminary proposal requirements will be posted on Friday, March 15, 2024 and a request for stakeholder feedback will be issued. Bidders may begin submitting qualification materials for projects in May and bids will be due on June 26, 2024.

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