Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: ICC Has Approved the Results of the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP

Published Date: June 24, 2026

On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") approved the results of the Summer 2026 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.

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

Published Date: June 17, 2026

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP closes at **12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TODAY, June 17, 2026.** 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.

If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please do not delay in contacting the Procurement Administrator by email at Illinois-RFP@nera.com or by text at 610-662-3407.

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

Published Date: June 17, 2026

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP is **NOW OPEN!** All Bids must be submitted during the Bid Window between **10 AM and 12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TODAY, June 17, 2026** 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**. If you are experiencing technical difficulties, please do not delay in contacting the Procurement Administrator by email at Illinois-RFP@nera.com or by text at 610-662-3407.**

Please contact us at Illinois-RFP@nera.com for any questions regarding the bid submission process.

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

Published Date: June 17, 2026

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP is from **10 AM to 12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TODAY, June 17, 2026.** 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.

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.**

Reminder: A Project selected through the Indexed REC RFP and approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission will be assessed a Supplier Fee of $0.25 times the Annual Quantity of RECs bid for a Project (equivalent to about $0.0125 per REC assessed on the anticipated quantity of RECs over the 20-year delivery term). Please see the announcement issued on June 15, 2026 for more information.

Please contact us at Illinois-RFP@nera.com for any questions regarding the bid submission process.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: TOMORROW, June 17, is the Bid Date!

Published Date: June 16, 2026

The Bid Window for the Indexed REC RFP is from **10 AM to 12 PM (noon) Central Prevailing Time TOMORROW, June 17, 2026**. 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: June 15, 2026

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 $0.25 times the Annual Quantity of RECs** bid for a Project (which is equivalent to about $0.0125 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 $25,000, which is calculated as follows:

Supplier Fee per REC	= $0.25 per REC of the annual quantity
Annual Quantity	= 100,000 RECs
Supplier Fee for Project	= Supplier Fee x annual quantity
	= $0.25 x 100,000 RECs = $25,000

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.2.20 of the RFP Rules.

Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Bid Submission Training TODAY, June 15

Published Date: June 15, 2026

A training session for Bidders in the Indexed REC RFP is scheduled for **TODAY, June 15 from 2 PM to 4 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 Bid Form Guide. These documents were distributed with the Part 1 Notification via the application website on May 14, 2026.

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 June 15-16 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 Bid Date.

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Bid Submission Training on Monday, June 15

Published Date: June 11, 2026

A training session for Bidders in the Indexed REC RFP is scheduled for **Monday, June 15 from 2 PM to 4 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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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 June 15-16 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 Bid Date.

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Initial Index Values ($Index_t$) for the Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism

Date Published: June 8, 2026

A Bidder may opt into a one-time Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism described in Exhibit G to the Indexed REC Contract. This election is made in the Bid Form due on the Bid Date, June 17, 2026.

The following tables provide the values for $Index_t$ that would be used to adjust the Strike Price for a Project according to the formulas in Exhibit G to the Indexed REC Contract. $Index_t$ is the value at Time t for a Component of the Bid Adjustment Formula that is established and disclosed to Bidders during the RFP. The Components of the Bid Adjustment Formula for Utility-Scale Solar and Brownfield Projects, Utility-Scale Wind Projects, and Hydropower Projects are provided in Tables 1, 3 and 5 in Exhibit G, respectively. The values are derived from publicly available data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (US). For additional details on the data source for each Component, such as the series title and ID, please see Exhibit G.

The tables below mirror the respective tables in Exhibit G. The data in the tables in this announcement will be pre-populated in Exhibit G at the time of contract execution for a Project that is selected by the evaluation and approved by the Commission and for which the Bidder opted into the one-time Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism in the Bid Form. These values were updated on the date of this announcement.

Table 2: Values at Time t for Components of Utility-Scale Solar and Brownfield Projects

Component	Value
Construction (Const)	182.98
Electrical Machinery and Equipment (EME)	151.84
PPI	269.48
Steel	320.05
Interest Rate	4.26

Table 4: Values at Time t for Components of Utility-Scale Wind Projects

Component	Value
Cement	356.20
Construction (Const)	182.98
Electrical Machinery and Equipment (EME)	151.84
Steel	320.05
Turbine	130.87
Interest Rate	4.26

Table 6: Values at Time t for Components of Hydropower Projects

Component	Value
CPI	327.24
Interest Rate	4.26

Please refer to Section 2.7 and Exhibit G of the Indexed REC Contract on the Final Materials Page for further details about the calculation of $Index_t$ and the Strike Price adjustment for each technology.

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due TOMORROW, June 3 by 12 PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: June 2, 2026

Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT TOMORROW, June 3, 2026. 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 **May 4, 2026** for submitting bid assurance collateral for the Indexed REC RFP.

Please make sure to use the Standard Forms of the Pre-Bid Letters of Credit for this Summer 2026 RFP dated April 6, 2026 and posted to the Final Materials page of the procurement website. The Standard Pre-Bid Letters of Credit for this Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP have changed since the Fall 2025 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 also posted to the Final Materials page. 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.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due Wednesday, June 3 by 12 PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: May 27, 2026

Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. 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 **May 4, 2026** for submitting bid assurance collateral for the Indexed REC RFP.

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Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 2 Proposals due Wednesday, June 3 by 12PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: May 20, 2026

Part 2 Proposals are due by 12 PM (noon) CPT on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. 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 **May 4, 2026** for submitting bid assurance collateral for the Indexed REC RFP.

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Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Forecast Factor by Technology

Published Date: May 15, 2026

A Seller in the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP may opt into a one-time Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism described in Exhibit G to the Indexed REC Contract. The election is made in the Bid Form due on the Bid Date, June 17, 2026.

The following table provides the Forecast Factor by Technology that will be used for purposes of bid evaluation in the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. The Forecast Factors are calculated based on forecasts from Moody's Analytics of the historical indices in the Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism formulas in Exhibit G.

Project Technology	Forecast Factor (%)
Hydropower project	5.64%
Utility-scale solar project	2.34%
Brownfield site photovoltaic project	2.34%
Utility-scale wind project	2.81%

In the Bid Form, the Seller must specify whether the Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism under the Indexed REC Contract applies to the Project. If yes, then the Strike Price in the Bid is adjusted using the Forecast Factor. The Forecast Factor is the expected percent change in the Strike Price under the Strike Price Adjustment Mechanism if such an adjustment is made thirty (30) months after the day on which the Commission approves the Bid for the Project. A numerical example of how the Forecast Factor will be applied for each Technology during bid evaluation is provided in Appendix 15: Evaluation Process (April 29, 2026) on the Final Materials Page.

Please refer to paragraph VI.2.9 of the RFP Rules (April 6, 2026) and Appendix 15: Evaluation Process (April 29, 2026) for further information on how the Forecast Factor is used for bid evaluation. A description of the forecasting approach used by Moody's Analytics is available here.

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Part 2 Window is Open!

Published Date: May 15, 2026

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 Wednesday, June 3, 2026.**

Please follow the instructions provided to you for submitting bid assurance collateral for the Indexed REC RFP. These instructions were provided by email on **May 4, 2026**. 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.

Indexed REC RFP – FINAL REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due TODAY, April 30 at 12 PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: April 30, 2026

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Important! In Section 1 to the Part 1 Proposal, the Bidder is required to name entities and individuals relevant to the Proposal. New for Summer 2026, there are additional and updated requirements in this section along with updated certifications related to maintaining the confidentiality of your Proposal. The confidentiality requirements begin as of the opening of the Part 1 Window. Additional information is provided on slides 44-49 of the Bidder Information Webcast and in FAQs 3-7.

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, parent 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 registered for an account to submit comments on the Indexed REC RFP Credit Instruments will use the same login credentials to access and complete the online qualification form(s) for their Project(s).

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".

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due TOMORROW, April 30 at 12 PM (noon) CPT; Additional Documents Posted

Published Date: April 29, 2026

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POSTINGS: This week the Procurement Administrator posted the final lists of acceptable modifications to the Pre-Bid and Post-Bid Letters of Credit, as well as Appendix 15: Evaluation Process, to the Final Materials page of the procurement website.

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Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Thursday, April 30 at 12 PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: April 27, 2026

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Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Thursday, April 30 at 12 PM (noon) CPT

Published Date: April 23, 2026

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Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Appendix 16: Energy Transition Community Grant Areas and Hydropower Preference Communities

Published Date: April 17, 2026

The Procurement Administrator has posted Appendix 16 of the RFP Rules for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP to the Final Materials page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website. The document is dated April 17, 2026. Appendix 16 includes the list and map of Energy Transition Community Grant Areas and the list of Hydropower Preference Communities.

- If the Project is located in Illinois and is either a utility-scale solar project or a utility-scale wind project, and at least 50% of the Project site is located within an Energy Transition Community Grant Area, the Project qualifies for a reduction in the Strike Price for evaluation purposes.
- If the Project is a hydropower project, and the Project Site is located in or adjacent to a Hydropower Preference Community (either (1) the EJC map linked in Appendix 16 or (2) Table B in Appendix 16) the Project qualifies for a reduction in the Strike Price for evaluation purposes.

A Bidder will indicate whether the Project is located within an Energy Transition Community Grant Area or a Hydropower Preference Community in the Part 1 Proposal. Supporting documentation will be required as explained in paragraphs IV.4.3 and IV.7.3 of the RFP Rules.

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Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Part 1 Proposals due Thursday, April 30 at 12 PM (noon) CPT

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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: April 10, 2026

In order to submit a Bid for a Project in the Summer 2026 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 Thursday, April 30, 2026.**

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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".

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Stakeholder Comments on Benchmark Categories of Inputs, Assumptions and Data Sources due TOMORROW, April 10

Published Date: April 9, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026.

Chapter 5.8 of the 2026 Long-Term Plan describes a 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 are 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.

Comments will be reviewed for consideration by the Procurement Administrator, Procurement Monitor, IPA, and ICC staff in the development of benchmark prices used for the upcoming Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. The IPA and the Procurement Administrator hope that this process will provide increased transparency into the Indexed REC procurement process.

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 deadline to provide comments is TOMORROW, April 10, 2026 and all comments should be sent to Illinois-RFP@nera.com.**

Please direct all questions to the Procurement Administrator at: Illinois-RFP@nera.com.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Optional Comment Process on Credit Instruments Open; Comments due TOMORROW, April 9, at 12 PM CPT

Published Date: April 8, 2026

All participants in the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP will be required to provide bid assurance collateral in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit with the Part 2 Proposal. Additionally, participants with a Bid selected in the RFP and approved by the Commission will be required to provide Performance Assurance under the Indexed REC Contract in the form of cash, Post-Bid Letter of Credit, or surety bond. **Beginning with the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP, the process to submit comments on or propose modifications to these Credit Instruments is being held prior to the opening of the proposal process.** Submission of comments on these Credit Instruments is **not** required to participate in the RFP.

On March 16, the Procurement Administrator posted the Comment Process Overview with the requirements to participate in this comment process to the Final Materials page, the standard forms of the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit and Post-Bid Letter of Credit to the Final Materials page, and the Form of Surety Bond to the Draft Documents page. On March 24, the Procurement Administrator held a webcast to explain the process and requirements, and materials from that webcast are posted to the Final Materials page. Interested parties should review these materials.

The deadline to provide comments on the Credit Instruments is **TOMORROW, April 9, 2026 at 12 PM (noon) CPT**. A party interested in participating in this comment process must register for an account in order to access the online form to submit comments. The exclusive method for providing comments is by submitting a redline of the credit instrument in Microsoft Word format.

If you have not done so already, please register for an account to access the online Credit Instruments Comment Form here under the Contact Us page. Select the “Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower” category. Please include your name, company name, parent company name, email address, phone number, and the number of projects for which you intend to submit a Proposal. This account will also be used to submit the Proposal(s) for your Project(s) in the RFP. 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.

Interested parties that activate their account can log in 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”. If you have accounts for multiple Projects, the online form to submit your comments will be accessible in the account for the Project with the lowest numbered project tag (i.e. ENTITY ABC-**01**).

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the “Ask a Question” page of the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Final Indexed REC Contract, Final RFP Documents, and Bidder Information Webcast Materials

Published Date: April 6, 2026

The Procurement Administrator has posted the final Indexed REC Contract, final RFP Documents, and Bidder Information Webcast materials for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP to the Final Materials page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website. The documents are dated April 6, 2026. The Bidder Information Webcast materials include the presentation and the audio recording from the bidder information webcast held on April 6, 2026.

Important! The Procurement Administrator posted updated versions of the Standard Pre-Bid Letters of Credit (appendices 5-10 of the RFP Rules) and updated Preliminary Lists of Acceptable Modifications to the Pre-Bid Letters of Credit to correct for a typographical error in paragraph 2d. These versions dated April 6, 2026 must be used by a Bidder that elects to post Bid Assurance Collateral with a Company in the form of a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit with the Part 2 Proposal.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Webcast Scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026 at 1PM (CST)

Published Date: April 2, 2026

On March 26, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted an updated calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. The Final Indexed REC Contract and RFP Documents will be posted on **Monday, April 6, 2026**.

The bidder information webcast for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP will be held Monday, April 6, 2026 at 1:00 – 3:00 PM (CPT) and is open to prospective bidders for all technologies. 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, and have not done so already, please RSVP here. Registrants will receive call-in information on the morning of the webcast.

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

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Optional Comment Process on Credit Instruments Open; Comments due Thursday, April 9

Published Date: April 1, 2026

All participants in the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP will be required to provide bid assurance collateral in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit with the Part 2 Proposal. Additionally, participants with a Bid selected in the RFP and approved by the Commission will be required to provide Performance Assurance under the Indexed REC Contract in the form of cash, Post-Bid Letter of Credit, or surety bond. **Beginning with the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP, the process to submit comments on or propose modifications to these Credit Instruments is being held prior to the opening of the proposal process.** Submission of comments on these Credit Instruments is **not** required to participate in the RFP.

On March 16, the Procurement Administrator posted the Comment Process Overview with the requirements to participate in this comment process to the Final Materials page, the standard forms of the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit and Post-Bid Letter of Credit to the Final Materials page, and the Form of Surety Bond to the Draft Documents page. On March 24, the Procurement Administrator held a webcast to explain the process and requirements, and materials from that webcast are posted to the Final Materials page. Interested parties should review these materials.

The deadline to provide comments on the Credit Instruments is **Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 12 PM (noon) CPT.** A party interested in participating in this comment process must register for an account in order to access the online form to submit comments. The exclusive method for providing comments is by submitting a redline of the credit instrument in Microsoft Word format.

If you have not done so already, please register for an account to access the online Credit Instruments Comment Form here under the Contact Us page. Select the "Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower" category. Please include your name, company name, parent company name, email address, phone number, and the number of projects for which you intend to submit a Proposal. This account will also be used to submit the Proposal(s) for your Project(s) in the RFP. 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.

Interested parties that activate their account can log in 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". If you have accounts for multiple Projects, the online form to submit your comments will be accessible in the account for the Project with the lowest numbered project tag (i.e. ENTITY ABC**-01**).

Please direct any questions regarding the Indexed REC RFP to the "Ask a Question" page of the procurement website.

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

Published Date: March 27, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026.

Chapter 5.8 of the 2026 Long-Term Plan describes a 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 are 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.

Comments will be reviewed for consideration by the Procurement Administrator, Procurement Monitor, IPA, and ICC staff in the development of benchmark prices used for the upcoming Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. The IPA and the Procurement Administrator hope that this process will provide increased transparency into the Indexed REC procurement process.

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 deadline to provide comments is on Friday, April 10, 2026 and all comments should be sent to Illinois-RFP@nera.com.**

Please direct all questions to the Procurement Administrator at: Illinois-RFP@nera.com.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Revised Section 6.1 of Draft Indexed REC Contract Posted; Request for Additional Feedback by TODAY, March 27

Published Date: March 27, 2026

On March 24, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted a revised version of Section 6.1 Monthly Generation Report of the Draft Indexed REC Contract in Microsoft Word along with a PDF of a redline comparison to the Fall 2025 Final Indexed REC Contract. These documents are also attached to this announcement for convenience.

The Procurement Administrator is requesting feedback from stakeholders on the additional edits to Section 6.1 in the attached document. These additional edits are related to the process and data used to prepare the Price Calculation Notice in the event of a mismatch between the hourly MWh generation data submitted by Seller and the data accessed independently by the IPA. **The deadline to provide comments on these additional edits to Section 6.1 of the Indexed REC Contract is TODAY, March 27, 2026.**

Comments are welcome from any interested party. Interested parties should submit their comments with tracked changes in Microsoft Word by email to the Procurement Administrator at Illinois-RFP@nera.com. Please provide telephone and email contact information in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments. Additional information regarding the process to submit comments in described in the Invitation to Comment issued on March 5, 2026. The deadline to provide comments on other sections of the Draft Indexed REC Contract was Monday, March 23, 2026. This request for additional feedback is only related to Section 6.1 Monthly Generation Report of the Draft Indexed REC Contract.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Bidder Information Webcast Date Changed to Monday, April 6, 2026 at 1PM (CST)

Published Date: March 26, 2026

The bidder information webcast for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP will be held Monday, April 6, 2026 at 1PM (CPT) and is open to prospective bidders for all technologies. 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, and have not done so already, please RSVP here. New registrants and individuals that have already RSVPed will receive call-in information on the morning of the webcast.

On March 26, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted an updated calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP to reflect the updated webcast date. Additionally, the Final Indexed REC Contract and RFP Documents will now be posted a day earlier on **Monday, April 6, 2026.**

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

Indexed REC RFP – POSTING: Credit Instrument Comment Process Webcast Materials

Published Date: March 24, 2026

The Procurement Administrator has posted the Credit Instrument Comment Process Webcast materials for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP to the Final Materials page of the Indexed Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower section of the procurement website. The Credit Instrument Comment Process Webcast materials include the presentation and the audio recording from the webcast held on March 24, 2026.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Revised Section 6.1 of Draft Indexed REC Contract Posted; Request for Additional Feedback by Friday, March 27

Published Date: March 24, 2026

On March 24, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted a revised version of Section 6.1 Monthly Generation Report of the Draft Indexed REC Contract in Microsoft Word along with a PDF of a redline comparison to the Fall 2025 Final Indexed REC Contract. These documents are also attached to this announcement for convenience.

The Procurement Administrator is requesting feedback from stakeholders on the additional edits to Section 6.1 in the attached document. These additional edits are related to the process and data used to prepare the Price Calculation Notice in the event of a mismatch between the hourly MWh generation data submitted by Seller and the data accessed independently by the IPA. **The deadline to provide comments on these additional edits to Section 6.1 of the Indexed REC Contract is Friday, March 27, 2026.**

Comments are welcome from any interested party. Interested parties should submit their comments with tracked changes in Microsoft Word by email to the Procurement Administrator at Illinois-RFP@nera.com. Please provide telephone and email contact information in the event that the Procurement Administrator seeks clarification regarding your comments. Additional information regarding the process to submit comments in described in the Invitation to Comment issued on March 5, 2026. The deadline to provide comments on other sections of the Draft Indexed REC Contract was Monday, March 23, 2026. This request for additional feedback is only related to Section 6.1 Monthly Generation Report of the Draft Indexed REC Contract.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Webcast on Tuesday, March 24 on Optional Process to Submit Comments on the Credit Instruments

Published Date: March 23, 2026

All participants in the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP will be required to provide bid assurance collateral in the form of cash or a Pre-Bid Letter of Credit with the Part 2 Proposal. Additionally, participants with a Bid selected and approved by the Commission in the RFP will be required to provide Performance Assurance under the Indexed REC Contract in the form of cash, Post-Bid Letter of Credit, or surety bond. **Beginning with the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP, the process to submit comments on or propose modifications to these Credit Instruments will begin prior to the opening of the proposal process.** Submission of comments on these Credit Instruments is **not** required to participate in the RFP.

The Procurement Administrator will hold a webcast on March 24, 2026 from 1-1:30 PM CPT to explain the general process, submission and assessment process, and requirements when making comments on or proposing modifications to the Credit Instruments. Time will be allotted for questions. To RSVP to this webcast, please reply "YES" to this email. To be further explained on the webcast, parties submitting comments will be required to register for an account here. The Procurement Administrator will begin issuing accounts to individuals that have registered beginning March 24, 2026. Only one account will be issued to a company. This account will be used to submit the Proposal(s) for your Project(s) as well.

The Calendar on the procurement website has been updated to include deadlines related to this comment process. The comment process proceeds as follows:

- **March 16:** The Procurement Administrator posts the Comment Process Overview with the requirements to participate to the Final Materials page, the standard forms of the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit and Post-Bid Letter of Credit to the Final Materials page, and the Form of Surety Bond to the Draft Documents page.
- **March 24:** The comment process begins, and the Procurement Administrator will also hold a webcast on this date to explain the process and requirements.
- **April 9 at 12PM (noon) CPT:** Deadline to provide comments on the Credit Instruments to the Procurement Administrator
- **April 27:** Assessments of comments on Credit Instruments issued to participants

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements due TODAY, March 23, 2026

Published Date: March 23, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026.

On March 5, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted to the procurement website Preliminary Proposal Requirements and the Draft Indexed REC Contract for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. An Invitation to Comment was also posted and within this document several topics for feedback were identified (Surety Bonds, Impacts of H.R. 1, and General Feedback on Improvements). On March 18, 2026, the Procurement Administrator also requested feedback on the following item:

- Section 6.1 of the Indexed REC Contract requires Seller to provide to Buyer and the IPA hourly MWh generation data after the conclusion of each month. The Indexed REC Contract provides that if Seller uncovers errors related to the hourly MWh generation data for a Vintage Month provided by Seller that exceeds 5% of the aggregate generation data for such Vintage Month, Seller shall notify and submit corrected data to Buyer and the IPA within 3 months for recalculation of the REC Monthly Price by the IPA.
    - The IPA is seeking feedback on whether the 5% threshold is appropriate or if the threshold should be recalibrated to a lower percentage such as 2% or 3%?

The deadline to provide comments is TODAY, March 23, 2026. All interested parties may submit comments on any aspect of the documents posted as well as on the topics identified. The comment process is further explained in the Invitation to Comment.

The calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP is available on the procurement website here.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments due Monday, March 23; Additional Topic for Feedback

Published Date: March 18, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026.

On March 5, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted to the procurement website Preliminary Proposal Requirements and the Draft Indexed REC Contract for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. An Invitation to Comment was also posted and within this document several topics for feedback were identified (Surety Bonds, Impacts of H.R. 1, and General Feedback on Improvements). On March 18, 2026, the Procurement Administrator also requested feedback on the following item:

- **Additional topic for feedback:** Section 6.1 of the Indexed REC Contract requires Seller to provide to Buyer and the IPA hourly MWh generation data after the conclusion of each month. The Indexed REC Contract provides that if Seller uncovers errors related to the hourly MWh generation data for a Vintage Month provided by Seller that exceeds 5% of the aggregate generation data for such Vintage Month, Seller shall notify and submit corrected data to Buyer and the IPA within 3 months for recalculation of the REC Monthly Price by the IPA.
    - The IPA is seeking feedback on whether the 5% threshold is appropriate or if the threshold should be recalibrated to a lower percentage such as 2% or 3%?

The deadline to provide comments is Monday, March 23, 2026. All interested parties may submit comments on any aspect of the documents posted as well as on the topics identified. The comment process is further explained in the Invitation to Comment.

The calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP is available on the procurement website here.

Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Comment Process for the Credit Instruments Scheduled; Interested Parties May RSVP to Webcast on March 24

Published Date: March 16, 2026

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The Calendar on the procurement website has been updated to include deadlines related to this comment process. The comment process will proceed as follows:

- **March 16:** The Procurement Administrator posts the Comment Process Overview with the requirements to participate to the Final Materials page, the standard forms of the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit and Post-Bid Letter of Credit to the Final Materials page, and the Form of Surety Bond to the Draft Documents page.

- **March 24:** The comment process begins, and the Procurement Administrator will also hold a webcast on this date to explain the process and requirements.

- **April 9 at 12PM (noon) CPT:** Deadline to provide comments on the Credit Instruments to the Procurement Administrator

- **April 27:** Assessments of comments on Credit Instruments issued to participants

The Procurement Administrator will hold a webcast on March 24, 2026 from 1-1:30 PM CPT to explain the general process, submission and assessment process, and requirements when making comments on or proposing modifications to the Credit Instruments. Time will be allotted for questions. To RSVP to this webcast, please reply "YES" to this email. To be further explained on the webcast, parties submitting comments will be required to register for an account here. The Procurement Administrator will begin issuing accounts to individuals that have registered beginning March 24, 2026. Only one account will be issued to a company. This account will be used to submit the Proposal(s) for your Project(s) as well.

Indexed REC RFP – REMINDER: Comments on the Draft Indexed REC Contract and Preliminary Proposal Requirements due Monday, March 23

Published Date: March 13, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026. The quantities to be procured are 2,500,000 RECs delivered annually from either new utility-scale wind or hydropower projects, 1,300,000 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale solar projects, and 266,271 RECs delivered annually from new brownfield site photovoltaic projects.

On March 5, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted to the procurement website Preliminary Proposal Requirements and the Draft Indexed REC Contract for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP**. The Procurement Administrator invites all interested parties to submit comments on any aspect of these documents as well as on three specified topics** (Surety Bonds, Impacts of H.R. 1, and General Feedback on Improvements). **The deadline to provide comments is Monday, March 23, 2026.** The comment process is explained in the Invitation to Comment posted here.

The calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP is available on the procurement website here.

Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP

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

Published Date: March 5, 2026

The 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects at an existing dam this Summer 2026. The quantities to be procured are 2,500,000 RECs delivered annually from either new utility-scale wind or hydropower projects, 1,300,000 RECs delivered annually from new utility-scale solar projects, and 266,271 RECs delivered annually from new brownfield site photovoltaic projects.

On March 5, 2026, the Procurement Administrator posted to the procurement website Preliminary Proposal Requirements and the Draft Indexed REC Contract for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP. **The Procurement Administrator invites all interested parties to submit comments on any aspect of these documents as well as on three specified topics** (Surety Bonds, Impacts of H.R. 1, and General Feedback on Improvements). **The deadline to provide comments is March 23, 2026**. The comment process is explained in the Invitation to Comment posted here.

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

The calendar for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP is available on the procurement website here.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP for Wind, Solar, Brownfield, and Hydropower Projects Scheduled

Published Date: February 19, 2026

On October 20, 2025, the IPA filed its Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan ("2026 Long-Term Plan") with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") and the ICC issued a Final Order approving the 2026 Long-Term Plan with modifications on February 17, 2026.

As approved by the ICC, the 2026 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 new hydropower projects at an existing dam or modernized or retooled hydropower projects this Summer 2026. The quantities to be procured from each technology will be provided in a separate announcement as soon as they are available.

The schedule for the Summer 2026 Indexed REC RFP is posted to the Calendar page of the procurement website. A draft version of the Indexed REC Contract along with preliminary project qualification requirements will be posted on Thursday, March 5, 2026. A request for stakeholder feedback will be issued at that time. Bidders may begin submitting qualification materials for projects in April and bids will be due on June 17, 2026.

Please submit any questions to the Procurement Administrator via the Ask a Question page on the procurement website.

Indexed REC RFP – ANNOUNCEMENT: IPA Issues Guidance on Indexed REC Contract Renegotiation for Utility-Scale Projects

Published Date: February 9, 2026

The Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act ("CRGA") (Public Act 104-0458) was signed into law on January 8, 2026. Set to take effect on June 1, 2026, the CRGA contains new language addressing the potential for post-award renegotiation of certain non-price contract terms for select Indexed Renewable Energy Credit ("Indexed REC") contracts for competitively bid utility-scale projects.

The Illinois Power Agency ("IPA") has published a guidance document to help existing Indexed REC contract holders navigate non-price renegotiation options for their existing contracts, in light of the recently signed CRGA. The IPA hopes this guidance will provide clarity to parties participating in its Indexed REC procurement process in the months leading up to CRGA's June 1, 2026, effective date and after.

The guidance document is available on the Useful Links page of the procurement website and on the IPA's website with additional background information here.
