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Re: Stakeholder Feedback on Advance of Capital Authorization Rubric

Climate Jobs Illinois applauds IPA's efforts to implement CEJA equitably, and to support Illinois' clean energy economy. We believe the proposed evaluation criteria for Advance of Capital Evaluation is strong, but we would like to include two suggestions:

- 1) In support of CEJA's efforts to promote family-sustaining jobs in the clean energy sector and in compliance with the statute, criteria should include a commitment or plans by contractor partners to comply with the Prevailing Wage Act. Small contractors needing assistance paying prevailing wage could be provided resources through the Small Contractor Prevailing Wage Assistance program.
- 2) IPA-funded projects should ensure participation with other CEJA-funded efforts to promote equity in the clean energy economy. Criteria should include a commitment to partner with CEJA-funded workforce programs to ensure participation of EEC residents in employment on IPA-funded projects.

We feel that these suggestions will help ensure a comprehensive implementation of CEJA that promotes equity in all Illinois communities.

Sincerely,

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