



Illinois Shines

Building Our Solar Future

Program Categories

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Capacity is allocated each Program Year by program category and by Group (A or B)

Group A: For projects located in the service territories of Ameren Illinois Company ("Ameren Illinois"), MidAmerican Energy Company ("MidAmerican"), Mt. Carmel Public Utility, and rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities located in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") service area

Group B: For projects located in the service territories of Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd"), and rural electric cooperatives and municipal utilities located in the PJM Interconnection ("PJM") service area



Small Distributed Generation

Distributed Generation projects up to and including 25 kW in size

- Behind-the-meter systems on residential or commercial properties
- Small DG capacity for a given program year accounts for 18% of total program capacity
- Each project that is constructed in this category will be subject to prevailing wage requirements included in the Prevailing Wage Act except the following types of projects:
 - Residential DG projects
 - DG Projects that serve a house of worship

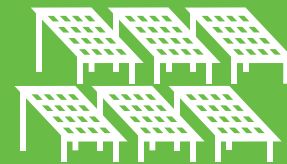


Small DG

Large Distributed Generation

Distributed Generation projects greater than 25 kW in size up to and including 5 MW

- The location of these projects are typically on locations with large energy demand including businesses, factories, and farms
- Comprise at least 18% of the Illinois Shines capacity generally.
- Each project that is constructed in this category will be subject to the prevailing wage requirements included in the Prevailing Wage Act with the exception the following types of projects:
 - Projects (greater than 25 kW AC) that were on a waitlist as of the Program's reopening on December 14, 2021
 - Residential DG projects
 - Projects that serve a house of worship and are not greater than 100 kW AC
 - Projects for which construction can be demonstrated to have been completed before September 15, 2021, the effective date of Public Act 102-0662



Large DG

Traditional Community Solar (TCS)

Community Solar projects up to and including 5 MW in size

- Subject to a 20% developer cap of MWs awarded for any AV and their affiliates, determined separately for Group A and Group B each Program Year
- Subject to TCS Scoring Criteria should submitted capacity on the first year of the program year surpass the total capacity of the category for the Program Year; there are four scoring criteria categories:
 1. Built Environment
 2. Siting
 3. Equity Eligible Contractors
 4. Interconnection Status
- A minimum of 5 points must be achieved to be placed on the waitlist
- If submitted capacity on day one of the Program Year is below the total capacity of the category for the Program Year, then all applicant projects will be deemed acceptable and may qualify for a REC Delivery Contract



Community-Driven Community Solar (CDCS)

Community Solar projects up to and including 5MW that meet the criteria to be classified as community-driven

- 90-day application window starting at the beginning of each Program Year
- Unlike TCS, CDCS projects are automatically subject to a scoring criteria; the CDCS Scoring Criteria includes two scoring criteria categories:
 1. Primary Criteria
 2. Secondary Criteria
- A minimum 6 points must be achieved to be eligible for a REC contract
- A minimum 10 points must be achieved to be placed on the waitlist



Public Schools

Small and Large Distributed Generation projects, as well as community solar projects which serve a public school in Illinois

- Distributed Generation projects submitted to the Public Schools category must be located at the public school (or school district facility) the project is serving
- For this category, public schools are K-12 schools under the jurisdiction of/governed by the Illinois State Board of Education
- Community Solar projects submitted to the Public Schools category must be sited on district- or school-owned land
 - The school or school district must serve as anchor tenant with a minimum of 10% share of the project's capacity, without exceeding 40% of the project's capacity
 - The subscription mix must include at least 50% small subscribers
- Public Schools projects will be allocated by group, tier, location, and project size

Group	School Type	≤ 250 KW	>250-1,000 KW	>1,000 – 5,000 KW
Group A	Tier 1, Tier 2, or schools located within Environmental Justice Communities	5.25 MW	10.5 MW	5.25 MW
	Tier 3 and Tier 4 schools that are not located within Environmental Justice Communities	2.25 MW	4.5 MW	2.25 MW
Group B	Tier 3 and Tier 4 schools that are not located within Environmental Justice Communities	12.25 MW	24.5 MW	12.25 MW
	Tier 3 and Tier 4 schools that are not located within Environmental Justice Communities	5.25 MW	10.5 MW	5.25 MW
Total 100 MW		25 MW	50 MW	25 MW



Equity Eligible Contractor (EEC)

Distributed generation projects or community solar projects that are submitted to the Program by an Equity Eligible Contractor certified Approved Vendor

- Only Equity Eligible Contractors (EECs) can participate in the Equity Eligible Contractor category, no non-EECs can submit a project in this category
- If an EEC project is \$1.5 million or less in REC contract value, the AV may submit with their Part I project application a request for Advance of Capital in which up to 50% of contract value may be advanced to an EEC-certified Approved Vendor upon Part I application verification
- Subject to a 20% developer cap of MWs awarded for any AV and their affiliates, determined separately for Group A and Group B each Program Year
- EECs may submit projects in other categories




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Thank you for watching!

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