



Illinois Shines

Building Our Solar Future

Program Participant Roles

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Approved Vendors (AVs)

Many different types of entities can register as an Approved Vendor (AV); this designation may include a company that specializes in the aggregation and management of RECs; a for-profit project developer; an installer of photovoltaic systems; a municipality; a non-profit, public school, project-specific entity for a community solar system, etc.

***Failure by an Approved Vendor to follow Program requirements could result in disciplinary action, which could lead to the entity losing the ability to participate in the Program**

Key AV Responsibilities:

- Serve as the contractual counterparty with the utility on the REC Contract, and thus the entity that receives payments from the utility for REC deliveries as contract obligations are met and will maintain collateral requirements
- Submit project applications to the Program Administrator
- Provide ongoing information and reporting (Minimum Equity Standard compliance, Designee Management plan, and Annual Reporting)
- Renew AV status annually

Ongoing Program Requirements for AVs

There are ongoing program requirements that must be met **regardless** of whether the AV has any active REC contracts or not:

Bi-Annual Report	MES Compliance Plan
Annual Report	MES Compliance Mid-Year Report
Approved Vendor Renewal	MES Compliance End of Year Report
Designee Management Plan	



There are ongoing, REC contract-specific program requirements that must be met:



Community Solar
Subscriber Verification



Project Inspections

Designees

Designee refers to entities that have direct interaction with end-use customers on behalf of the Approved Vendor or another Designee; this includes:

Designees of Designees are called Nested Designees and may hold only Marketing/Sales Designee or Installer Designee roles since only Approved Vendors can add Disclosure Form Designees and Community Solar Subscriber Agent Designees directly beneath their Approved Vendor account

- **Disclosure Form Designees:** An entity that the Approved Vendor has designated that is permitted to generate Disclosure Forms on behalf of the Approved Vendor
- **Community Solar Subscriber Agent Designees:** An entity that the Approved Vendor has designated that is permitted to manage the community solar subscription information for an Approved Vendor's community solar projects
- **Marketing or Sales Designees:** An entity that the Approved Vendor or Designee has designated to act as a marketing agent and/or customer acquisition agent on behalf of the Approved Vendor or Designee
- **Installer Designees:** An entity that the Approved Vendor or Designee has designated to install systems on the Approved Vendor's or Designee's behalf

Requirements Upon Registration as a Designee



Acknowledge business relationship with their AV

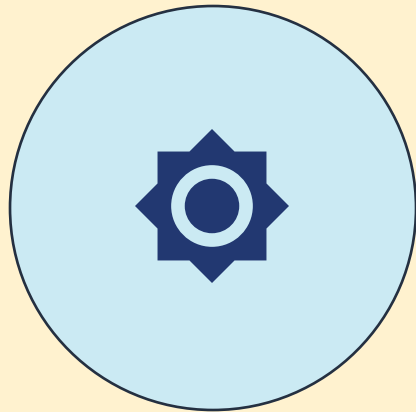


Identify categories of the consumer-facing services provided



Submit an annual MES Compliance Plan (exception: EEC Designees)

Ongoing Program Requirements for Designees



- Designee Renewal
- MES Compliance Plan
- MES Compliance Mid-Year Report
- MES Compliance End of Year Report

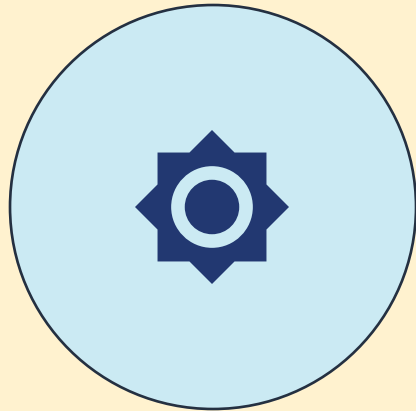
Equity Eligible Contractors (EECs)

Equity Eligible Contractors (EECs) are defined as an Approved Vendor or Designee Vendor that is majority-owned (at least 51%) by an Equity Eligible Person (EEP):

*If the Approved Vendor is organized as a corporation, general partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or limited partnership, the applicant will be asked to designate which owners, partners, or proprietors meet the EEC eligibility criteria and if organized as a non-profit, which board members meet the EEC eligibility criteria

- a) persons who graduated from or are current or former participants in the Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program, the Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program, the Illinois Climate Works Preapprenticeship Program, Returning Residents Clean Jobs Training Program, or the Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator Program, and the solar training pipeline and multi-cultural jobs program created in paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(3) of Section 16-108.21 of the Public Utilities Act
- b) persons who are graduates of or currently enrolled in the foster care system
- c) persons who were formerly incarcerated
- d) persons whose primary residence is in an equity investment eligible community

Ongoing Program Requirements for EECs



In addition to the requirements for being either an Approved Vendor (EEC AV) or Designee (EEC Designee), EECs must also renew their EEC designation annually

Thank you for watching!

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