

## Upcoming EAS Learning Series Webinar, New Solar Restitution Program and Escrow Process Materials, Fall 2026 AV and EEC Roundtables

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### Coming up in Illinois Shines

2026 Program events and due dates can be found at the [Key Dates & Deadlines webpage](#).

- **Key Dates**
  - **September 22** – Fall 2026 AV and EEC Roundtables Interest Form Due
  - **September 24** – Part II Verification for September
  - **October 15** – [EAS Learning Series Webinar](#)
- **Deadlines**
  - **September 22** – Re-Batching Opens for AVs (For October 8, 2026, ICC Meeting)
  - **September 24** – Election Deadline for Project Re-Batch or Withdrawal (For October 8, 2026, ICC Meeting)

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### Stakeholder Support

- **Program Administrator Office Hours** – September 23, 2026, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CPT – Individual AV or Designee support for Program requirements, Portal, application, or other questions. Join link: <https://energy-solution.zoom.us/j/91402926068>. The schedule is available at the [Key Dates and Deadlines](#) page.
- **Application Tips and Tricks** – The Program Administrator publishes [Application Tips and Tricks](#) to help support stakeholders avoid Need Info requests that delay application review and approval. See this week's tip: "[Use the text Field in Section 6 of the Part I DG project application to explain variances between the Utility Account Holder and the Property Owner.](#)"

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### Program News

All Program updates can be found on the [Program Updates](#) page.

- **New! Upcoming EAS Learning Series Webinar** – Earlier this year, the Program Administrator and the IPA DEI Team launched the Illinois Shines Equity Accountability System (EAS) Learning Series, to highlight the importance of equity in the clean energy economy, and within the program, and to equip vendors with resources and support to meet and exceed Program equity requirements. The next webinar in the EAS Learning Series, *Partnering for Equity: Building Genuine and Sustained Relationships with EECs*, will take place Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. CPT. This webinar will highlight the business case for embracing diverse and equitable business partnerships, practical steps AVs can take for building genuine and sustained relationships with EECs, and feedback from EECs on best practices for partnerships. To attend, please register with [this link](#). Meeting resources from the first EAS Learning Series webinar, *Advancing Equity Through Inclusive Recruitment and Retention of EEPs*, can be found at the [EAS Overview page](#).
- **New! Illinois Shines Releases Solar Restitution Program and Escrow Process Materials** – The IPA and Program Administrator have developed collateral to inform legislators and other stakeholders on the CP initiatives developed following the 2024 Long Term Plan. Brochures for the [Solar Restitution Program](#) and [Escrow Process](#) are available on the [Solar Restitution Program](#) page and new [Illinois Shines Escrow Process](#) page, respectively.

These brochures detail the context surrounding initiative creation, development details, success data, next steps, FAQs, and in the case of the Solar Restitution Program guide, eligibility criteria for consumers.

- **New! September Consumer Protection Working Group Held** – The [Consumer Protection Working Group](#) was held Friday, September 4, 2026. The Working Group meets quarterly to discuss market trends, best practices, consumer education, updates to Program requirements and documents, and other consumer protection issues for both Illinois Shines and ILSFA. The Program invites stakeholders to submit suggested agenda topics for future meetings to [admin@illinoisshines.com](mailto:admin@illinoisshines.com). The meeting agenda and notes from past meetings, including [this month's meeting minutes](#), can be found on the [Consumer Protection Working Group](#) page.
- **New! New to the Program Website:**
  - Illinois Shines Escrow Process [Brochure](#) and [Web Page](#) ([Escrow Process](#) page)
  - Solar Restitution Program [Brochure](#) and Updated [Web Page](#) ([Solar Restitution Program](#) page)
  - [September Consumer Protection Working Group Minutes](#) ([Consumer Protection Working Group](#) page)
- **Updated! Fall 2026 AV and EEC Roundtables** – The Program Administrator is excited to announce the next round of Illinois Shines AV and EEC Roundtables. The Roundtables provide an opportunity for participants to share program feedback and offer insights on market challenges and conditions. Roundtable participants will connect with other AVs and EECs, Illinois Shines Sector Strategists, and other Program Administrator team members. Prior Roundtables have helped drive specific Program improvements. The Program Administrator emailed AVs and EECs a Roundtable Interest Form on September 1, 2026. Those wishing to participate should complete the interest form by September 22, 2026. Dates are as follows:
  - Thursday, November 5, 2026 – DG Roundtable
  - Thursday, November 19, 2026 – CS Roundtable
  - Thursday, December 3, 2026 – Public Schools Roundtable
  - Thursday, December 10, 2026 – EEC Roundtable
- **IPA Beginning Storage for All Program Development** – The IPA is beginning development work for the forthcoming Storage for All Program this Fall. The Storage for All program is outlined in the Clean and Reliable Grid Affordability Act and is set to be a companion program to the Agency's Illinois Solar for All program. A written feedback request is tentatively planned for late September and a workshop in late October. Stakeholders interested in supporting the development of this program can sign up for updates on various feedback opportunities the Agency will be hosting [via this link](#).
- **Disclosure Form and Designee Registration Requirements for Stranded Customer Projects Document** – The Program has developed a [resource](#), published on the [AVs and Designees Assisting Stranded Customers](#) page, to help participants determine when and whether a new Disclosure Form is needed as it relates to the identity of the AV or Designee changing. The chart should be used in combination with the [Circumstances Requiring New DF Issuance and Signature](#) document.
- **Part II Verification Cut Off for September** – The last Part II Verification date for September is September 24, 2026. Applications that are Part II verified on or before September 24, 2026, will be included in the October invoicing period. Application processing will continue throughout the last week of the month and any applications that are reviewed between September 26 and September 30, 2026, will be invoiced in November 2026. Part II Verification Cut Off dates for each month have been added to the [Key Dates and Deadlines](#) page.
- **Requesting AV/Designee Feedback for Subscriber Management Portal Feature** – Earlier this year, the Program Administrator successfully delivered a new Subscriber Management portal feature, reflecting stakeholder input. The feature allows users to upload subscription data, edit and terminate subscriptions, and manage subscribed or unsubscribed Disclosure Forms, including project permissions for both AVs and Designees.

Resources for this feature can be found at the [Portal Updates](#) page. To continue supporting stakeholders, the Program Administrator seeks feedback from users of this feature via a [5-minute survey](#).

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## Reference and Reminders

- **Re-Batching for ICC Meetings** – AVs must indicate any requests to withdraw or withhold projects from ICC submission during a two-day re-batching window. In the absence of any action by an AV, the Program Administrator will re-batch the projects at its discretion and submit eligible projects to the ICC. Upcoming windows for re-batching are as follows:

| Re-Batching Opens for AVs | Election Deadline –<br>12:00 p.m. CPT (Re-Batching Closes for AVs) | Trade Date (ICC Meeting Date) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9/22/2026                 | 9/24/2026                                                          | 10/8/2026                     |
| 9/28/2026                 | 9/30/2026                                                          | 10/15/2026                    |

DG projects are only permitted to be withheld twice before they must be submitted to the ICC for REC Contract approval or permanently withdrawn from the Program. Projects that have been withheld more than two times will be required to submit to the ICC or withdraw. See Section 5.A of the 2026-27 [Program Guidebook](#) for more detail.

- **Portal Maintenance and Releases** – Scheduled system maintenance occurs Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. CPT, during which times the Portal is typically unavailable to users. Users working in the Portal should save their work prior to the 8:00 p.m. CPT start of system maintenance window. Any unsaved information will be lost when the system is moved into maintenance mode. The latest Portal updates and enhancements, a Portal Development Roadmap, and Portal help guides can be found at [Portal Updates](#) page.
- **Application Processing Tables and Updates** – Application processing tables are maintained [here](#). These tables are updated daily. In addition to information available on the [Project Application Reports](#) page, the status of individual project applications can be checked using the [Project Look Up Tool](#). For questions about specific project applications, please contact the Program Administrator at [admin@illinoisshines.com](mailto:admin@illinoisshines.com).
- **Updated! Update on Part I and Part II Application Processing Following Submission Spikes** – [As previously announced](#), application review timelines are significantly delayed; **Part I application review time is nine weeks and Part II application review time is 11 weeks**. The Program Administrator is expanding the Application Processing team and implementing automated review enhancements to improve efficiency and increase application review capacity. The Program Administrator anticipates a return to the target two-week review time for Part I applications by mid-October and Part II by the end of November. Part II projects with a battery or storage component undergo additional technical review which may extend the initial application review timeline. The Program has added 200+ hours per month for battery schematic review and anticipates moving battery schematic reviews to the Portal to reduce admin time and turnaround time for review. Please see [this announcement](#) for more details.

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**CONTACT US:** For Portal, application, or Program-specific questions and inquiries, please contact [admin@illinoisshines.com](mailto:admin@illinoisshines.com) or call 877-783-1820.

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