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# ILSFA Project Selection Protocol Guidance Document

PROGRAM YEAR ~~2020~~-~~2021~~

# Project Selection Overview

When the ILSFA program opens for project applications, an initial project submission window of 10 business days will first be allowed for Approved Vendors to submit projects. After the close of the initial project submission window, project submissions will be reviewed by the Program Administrator for completeness of documentation and project eligibility. Only project submissions determined to be complete and eligible will proceed with project selection. If the total incentive values of the eligible applications exceeds the available funding, then projects submitted during the initial project submission window will be evaluated according to the Project Selection Protocol outlined below. In the case of the Low-Income Distributed Generation (LIDG) sub-program, the Project Selection protocol is triggered based on the incentive values of projects submitted during the initial submission window in two sub-categories: 1-4 unit projects and 5+ unit projects. Project selection will be necessary if the incentive value of the total submitted projects exceeds the sub-program budget or if the incentive value of 5+unit projects exceeds 75% of the total sub-program budget. Selected projects are sent to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for approval.

If funding is still available within a sub-program after the initial project submission window closes, then all eligible project applications from the initial window will be selected, and additional project applications in that sub-program will then be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Projects may still be submitted after the initial project application window closes until the earlier of (i) the end of the program year, or (ii) when the Program Administrator announces that all sub-program funds have been allocated for that program year.

The Project Selection Protocol will be utilized for each sub-program based on the incentive values of the eligible projects submitted. If the project selection process is triggered, the process will begin with eligible projects within a sub-program being placed into one of two categories: those located in qualifying ILSFA Environmental Justice Communities (“EJCs”), and those that are not. At least ~~twenty-five~~25% of the budget for each sub-program will be allocated to projects within qualified EJCs.

If eligible projects in qualifying EJCs represent less than 25% of the incentive budget for that sub-program, all those projects will be allocated incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval. If eligible projects in qualifying EJCs represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the EJC project selection process described in the pages below will be initiated for projects in EJCs.

For eligible projects that are not in qualified EJs, or for eligible projects in qualified EJs that were not chosen as part of the initial 25% EJ allocation, if the total incentive value capacity of all such projects represents less than 75% of the available incentive budget for that sub-program, all projects are allocated incentives and contracts are sent to the ICC for approval (as the available sub-program budget will not have been exceeded). However, if the total incentive value capacity of such projects represents more than 75% of the available incentive budget for that sub-program, the General Project Selection Process described in the pages below will be initiated for those projects.

The General Project Selection Process first includes a prioritization based on the project being located in a qualified ILSFA low-income (“LI”) community, then diversity of project selection is taken into consideration by prioritizing projects by a given utility territory group/state region, system size category, or other key attributes that may or may not be specific to sub-programs. All prioritization categories will score and weight projects on key attributes and make selections based on the highest to lowest score.

## How Batch Submittal and Approval Fits into the Project Selection

After completing the Part I application for each project, Approved Vendors are required to submit projects in batches, with each batch having a total nameplate capacity of 50 kW or more for Approved Vendors who have not yet had a contract approved by the ICC. For established Approved Vendors who have had a contract approved by the ICC, projects may be submitted on a rolling basis, and as project eligibility is verified, the Program Administrator will place eligible projects into new batches that will result in a contract and/or new confirmations with one utility or the Illinois Power Agency (IPA). The Program Administrator will then assess each project to ensure all program requirements are met, removing projects that do not meet program requirements from submitted batches.

For Approved Vendors who have not yet had a contract approved by the ICC, if the total nameplate capacity of a batch after review by the Program Administrator is less than 75% of the originally submitted batch, that entire batch will not be eligible for selection. If the total nameplate capacity of the batch is 75% or more of the originally submitted batch, those projects will then be submitted into the project selection process for consideration to be selected individually.

Projects that are selected through the project selection process explained in this document will remain associated with the originally submitted batch. Projects not selected will be removed. Once selected, a contract (or product confirmation, as applicable) for the resulting batch will be presented to the ICC for approval. If approved,

the Approved Vendor and either the Agency or a utility will execute the contract (or product confirmation). Note that if, due to this project selection process, the overall batch capacity is less than 50 kW, that batch will still be allowed to move forward to ICC approval even for Approved Vendors who have not yet had a contract approved by the ICC. For example, if a batch of 20 5 kW projects is submitted (a total of 100 kW), if more than five projects are found not to be eligible the entire batch would be rejected. On the other hand, if all projects are all found to be eligible, but through the project selection process only eight are selected (for a total of 40 kW), that would be acceptable.

## Project Selection Protocol for the Low-Income Distributed Generation Sub-Program

For the first nine months of the program year, 25% of the program year budget will be reserved for 1-4 unit building projects. If, at the end of nine months, there are applications from 5+ unit buildings that have not been approved and there is remaining funding from the 1-4 unit building carve out set aside, the funds will be released for ~~the 5+ unit building~~ any LIDG projects. Projects on the waitlist which are not located in EJCs will only receive funding if 25% of the sub-program budget has already been allocated to projects within EJCs. The nine months will begin at the start of the program year, allowing time at the end of the year for larger projects to receive funding that had been reserved for small projects, should any funding remain.

Project selection will be done based on the incentive values of projects submitted during the initial submission window in two sub-categories: 1-4 unit projects and 5+ unit projects. Project selection will be considered necessary if the incentive value of total submitted projects exceeds the sub-program budget or if the incentive value of 5+ unit projects exceeds 75% of the total sub-program budget.

If the composition of eligible projects submitted during the initial window is such that it is not possible to allocate 25% of the sub-program budget to projects located in EJCs then the project selection will be conducted in such a way as to ensure that no more than 75% of the sub-program budget is allocated to projects located in non-EJCs. (e.g., after all EJC projects are selected the available budget for non-EJC projects is determined, so as not to exceed 75% of the total sub-program budget, and project selection continues with that budget cap in place).

After project selection has been completed (or determined to be unnecessary if submissions in both sub-categories are under budget) projects submitted during the subsequent rolling submission window will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis and based on the following criteria:

- 1-4 unit projects located in EJCs are approved if eligible and if there is budget remaining within the LIDG sub-program.
- 1-4 unit projects located in non-EJCs are approved if eligible and if there is budget remaining within the LIDG sub-program EXCEPT if 75% of the total sub-program budget has already been allocated to projects in non-EJCs.
- 5+ unit projects located in EJCs are approved if eligible and if there is budget remaining within the LIDG sub-program EXCEPT if the incentive value of eligible 1-4 unit projects are still under 25% of the sub-program budget and it is within the first 9 months of the program year, in which case they will be placed on a waitlist. Projects on the waitlist will be approved after the 9<sup>th</sup> month if budget remains within the sub-program.
- 5+ unit projects located in non-EJCs are approved if eligible and if there is budget remaining within the LIDG sub-program EXCEPT if the incentive value of eligible 1-4 unit projects is under 25% of the total sub-program budget AND the incentive value of eligible projects located in non-EJCs is at 75% of the total budget.
- 5+ unit projects located in non-EJCs are put on a waitlist if eligible and there is budget remaining within the LIDG sub-program if the incentive value of eligible 1-4 unit projects is under 25% of the total budget AND the incentive value of eligible projects located in non-EJCs is under 75% of the total budget AND it is the first 9 months of the program year. Projects on this waitlist can be approved after the 9th month up until 75% of the budget is reached by projects located in non-EJCs.
- 5+ unit projects located in non-EJCs are put on the waitlist if the incentive value of eligible 1-4 unit buildings is under 25% of the LIDG sub-program budget and the incentive value of eligible projects located in non-EJCs is at 75%. They would only come off the waitlist in the case of a previously eligible 5+ unit project which is located in a non-EJC not moving forward in the program.

New project applications may be submitted, and eligible projects will be approved or added to the waitlist as applicable, up until the time the Program Administrator announces that the sub-program budget capacity has been reached and announces the closing date of the rolling submission period.

## Scoring for Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE)

Points will be awarded to MWBE Approved Vendors, Approved Vendor Aggregators, or Designees associated with them if the application comes from that Designee (henceforth referred to as Approved Vendors) registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women's Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates. Approved Vendors that wish to receive points based on their registration as an MWBE must submit an ILSFA Approved Vendor Questionnaire to vendors@IllinoisSFA.com.

In addition to Approved Vendors that are themselves registered as MWBEs, points will be awarded for Approved Vendors working with MWBE subcontractors, if the value of subcontractor's contract on the project is 50% or more of the project's REC contract value. For a community solar project, the REC contract value will, for purposes of calculating that commitment, be based upon the REC contract value not including any small subscriber adder. In order to receive points in this case, the MWBE subcontractor must also fill out the ILSFA Approved Vendor Questionnaire and it must be submitted as a part of the Part I application.

In order to protect against gaming by Approved Vendors hoping to receive more points at the time of project selection ~~but not intending to uphold~~with no intent to uphold their MWBE commitments, ~~there will be contract provisions in place to the ILSFA REC contract to their contracts requires~~ Approved Vendors to ensure MWBE subcontractor commitments are ultimately delivered. ILSFA contracts ~~will be updated to reflect~~include language stating –that contract (or product order, as applicable) rescission prior to payment, including forfeiture of collateral, is a consequence should an Approved Vendor fail to satisfy the minimum required MWBE contractual commitment. Any Approved Vendor that is awarded MWBE points based on the commitment of working with MWBE subcontractors will be ~~held to fulfilling~~required to fulfill the minimum requirement of 50% of the contract value with the MWBE subcontractor as compared to the REC contract value. This will be verified based on invoices submitted as a part of the Part II submission. Although Approved Vendors may propose a higher percentage of participation, they will be held to the minimum percentage in the contract.

~~The contract will also be updated to~~The contract also requires that any contract assignment requires the assignee to assume all MWBE utilization obligations.

Substitution of MWBE subcontractors with an alternative MWBE subcontractor are allowed, with cause. Any substitution of an MWBE subcontractor must be with an alternative MWBE subcontractor, or the project will be deemed to have failed the MWBE commitment. In order to make a substitution, an Approved Vendor must demonstrate:

- Unavailability after receipt of reasonable notice to proceed;
- Failure of performance;
- Financial incapacity;
- Refusal to honor the bid or proposal price or scope;
- Material mistake of fact or law about the elements of the scope of work of a contract where a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon;
- Failure of the MWBE to meet insurance, licensing or bonding requirements;
- ~~The Withdrawal of the bid or offer by the MWBE's withdrawal of its bid or offer;~~ and/or
- Failure of the MWBE to continue to meet the MWBE qualifying criteria as set forth by the Agency.

Documentation demonstrating one or more of these circumstances must be included in the Part II submission along with the new subcontractor's MWBE questionnaire and invoices demonstrating the payments to the new subcontractor. However, it is strongly recommended that the Approved Vendor reach out to the Program Administrator as soon as possible to ensure documentation is sufficient to meet this requirement. Failure to do so could result in a project not being Part II approved and, therefore, no payment for REC would be made for the project.

These contract requirements are meant to prevent gaming within the project selection process. If the Project Selection Protocol is not ~~necessary-utilized~~ within a sub-program, Approved Vendors ~~are strongly encouraged, though not contractually required, to maintain the MWBE commitments made when the project is initially submitted will not be held to the MWBE commitments for projects within that sub-program, although they are strongly encouraged to still keep the MWBE commitments.~~

## Anchor Tenant and Project Host Definitions

Projects will be scored based on a series of attributes, including Anchor Type and Project Host. "Anchor Type" refers to the entity that is serving as a project's "anchor tenant," which is not synonymous with the project's "host." For reference, these terms are defined and differentiated as follows:

**Anchor Tenant:** For ILSFA Low-Income Community Solar (LICS), an anchor tenant is defined as any ratepaying entity (including- a business, a non-profit organization, or a public entity) that subscribes to a significant share (10% or more) of a community solar project. ILSFA LICS projects may have, at most, one anchor tenant, identified at the time of project application. The anchor tenant may be changed any time following the applicable Trade Date by written request to the IPA and approved at the IPA's reasonable discretion. Contract price may be affected based on this change as described in the contract. The anchor tenant's subscription cannot be greater than 40% of the community solar system's capacity. RECs associated with the anchor tenant's share of the project will be paid at the currently applicable Adjustable Block Program price. ILSFA LICS projects can be awarded additional points during project selection based on the type of identified anchor tenant, as explained in this Protocol.

**Project Host:** For ILSFA LICS, a project host is defined as any entity that owns the site where the community solar project is installed. ILSFA LICS projects can be awarded additional points during project selection if the project's anchor tenant is a non-profit or public facility that also serves as the project host.

Normally, for a project to receive both the project host and anchor tenant points, it is necessary for the anchor tenant to receive electric utility service at the host location. If the host location does not currently have any electric utility service, the project may receive both anchor tenant and project host points as long as the anchor tenant and the project host are both owned by the same entity. For example, if a project is built on the rooftop of a non-profit host site, the anchor tenant's subscription must be associated with the electric utility account for service at that site location. Conversely, if a project is built on vacant land owned by a non-profit host, any electric account associated with that same non-profit entity may be an anchor tenant and the project will receive both anchor tenant and project host points during project selection.

## **Regional Environmental Justice Score Calculation (New for Program Year 2021-2022)**

In order to promote a proportional distribution of solar projects and funding to EJs, a Regional Environmental Justice Score will be used to provide location points. The **Regional Environmental Justice Score** (Regional EJ Score) is a score calculated at the regional level



to represent the distribution of projects in relation to the distribution of EJs. The Regional EJ Score is calculated as follows:

For each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, East Central, West Central, and Southern) the region's percentage of EJC households is calculated as the total number of households living in designated EJCs in that region divided by the total number of households living in designated EJCs in the state. The percentage of incentive dollars allocated to each region is calculated for LICS and for NP/PF sub-programs separately. The calculation for each sub-program is as follows: the dollar amount of all prior years' REC incentives awarded in that region divided by the total dollar amount of prior years' REC incentives awarded state-wide for each sub-program. The percentage of EJC households is then divided by the percentage of REC incentives to determine an LICS and an NP/PF Regional EJ Score. This score is used to assess points in Prioritization Stage 1 and Prioritization Stage 2 of the project selection for LICS and NP/PF. At this time, this Regional EJ Score will not be used for LIDG project selection.

## **Funding Sources and Allocations**

Funding for ILSFA projects comes from two sources – utility-held funds collected from the Renewable Portfolio Standard riders and the Renewable Energy Resources Fund (RERF). The amount of funding allocated to each ILSFA sub-program from the two sources will be announced prior to the start of the 2021-2022 program year, in an announcement posted on the ILSFA website and emailed to stakeholders. Projects' REC contracts will be funded solely with one or the other funding sources. Projects will be awarded funding in the order selected, with the utility funds being allocated first, meaning that the first project selected during the Project Selection Protocol will receive utility funds. Each subsequent project will receive utility funds, until a selected project's incentive value exceeds the utility funds remaining. That project will instead receive RERF funds, and each subsequent selected project will follow the same process. Each project's incentive value will first be compared to the remaining utility funds to determine if there is enough budget remaining to fully fund it, and, if not, the project will receive RERF funding. When there are not sufficient funds available in either the utility fund or the RERF to fully fund the next selected project, the project will be designated as "utility-funded pending resizing." The next selected project will be designated as "RERF-funded pending resizing." Remaining projects will then be ordered (and randomized if required) to determine their place on the waitlist.

For those projects designated as utility- or RERF-funded pending resizing, the project's Approved Vendor will be given the resizing options detailed at the end of this report.

# Prioritization Stages

## Environmental Justice Community Selection (Prioritization 1)

If eligible projects in qualifying EJs submitted in the initial project submission window represent less than 25% of the annual incentive budget for the given sub-program, assuming applications are otherwise qualified, then all projects in EJs will be selected and will be allocated incentives with REC contracts and sent to the ICC for approval. On the next business day after the close of the initial project submission window, project submissions will open again until June 30, the end of the program year. The remaining annual EJs budget of a minimum of 25% of the annual incentive budget will be allocated to eligible projects in EJs on a first-come, first-served basis. If projects in qualifying EJs submitted during the initial submission window represent more than 25% of the sub-program budget, the EJC project selection process is initiated for those projects, to ensure that a minimum of 25% of the sub-program’s budget is used to support projects in EJs.

Projects located in a state region with a high Regional EJ Score will receive additional point(s). The Regional EJ Score is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). It is calculated as the percentage of all state EJC households located in that region divided by the percent of all REC incentive dollars from prior program years awarded in that region for that sub-program.

Table 1 below shows the prioritization process for projects in qualified EJs using the ~~Low-Income Community Solar (LICS)~~ sub-program as an example.

TABLE 1. SCORING RUBRIC FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SELECTION: LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR

Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Low-income Community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	2

<p>MWBE</p>	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Anchor Type</p>	<p>Anchor is a non-profit or public facility (NP/PF). The anchor institution must provide a Letter of Intent (LOI), and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Project host</p>	<p>Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host (PH)</p>	<p>0.75</p>
<p>Critical Service Provider</p>	<p>Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)</p>	<p>0.5</p>
<p>System size ≤ 100 kW</p>	<p>Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW</p>	<p>1.5</p>
<p>System size &gt; 100 kW ≤ 500 kW</p>	<p>Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW</p>	<p>1</p>

System size > 500kW ≤ 1000kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
<u>Regional EJ Score</u>	<u>Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date</u>	<u>2 / 1</u>
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b><u>10 8.75</u></b>

Eligible projects will be selected in order of greatest points to lowest until at least 25% of the sub-program budget allocation for projects in EJs has been reached. Projects will be pulled together into groups of the same scores (e.g., all projects with a score of 4), with all projects in that score group selected. If the total incentive value of any score group brings the cumulative total beyond 25% of the total sub-program budget, then instead of selecting all projects in that score group, individual projects will be randomly selected by the Program Administrator from that score group (see the Random Selection Guidance Document for details) until a minimum of at least 25% of the total sub-program budget is reached. Note, the final project selected will still be awarded its full incentive value (provided its funding source has the funds available)-. The remaining unfunded EJ projects will be placed on an EJ Waitlist using their score or the random selection process, as applicable, to determine the order of the waitlist.- The ordered waitlist will be used to determine the order in which projects would be offered additional funding in the event that selected EJ projects do not complete their contracts or are later withdrawn. The random selection process will follow the process proposed for previous program years, which can be found in the Random Selection Guidance Document. Any remaining projects in qualified EJs, including those on the EJ waitlist, will be put back into the general pool of projects and will advance to Prioritization 2, for LI communities.

### **EXAMPLE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY SELECTION IN ACTION**

The examples below demonstrate this project selection process under the LICS sub-program. There are two examples. The first example is simpler, while the second example showcases the scenario when projects have the same score.

In the first example, seven projects were submitted that are located within qualified EJs (Table 2). Each project has a unique set of attributes outlined in the table.

**TABLE 2: LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SELECTION, SIMPLE EXAMPLE)**

Project #	Capacity (kW)	Proposed total REC incentive	EJC status	LI status	MWBE status	Anchor Type	System size (SS) status	Regional EJ Score
1	850.0	\$2,668,789	EJC	LI		PF-PH-CSP	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	<u>No RECs to date</u>
2	900.0	\$2,170,253	EJC	LI	MWBE	NP-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	
3	75.0	\$411,582	EJC	LI		PF-CSP	SS ≤ 100 kW	<u>Highest</u>
4	450.0	\$2,469,493	EJC	LI		PF-CSP	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	<u>Second Highest</u>
5	2000.0	\$6,490,785	EJC	LI		PF-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	
6	2000.0	\$5,758,344	EJC	LI		NP-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	
7	1900.0	\$5,439,574	EJC			NP	SS >1000 kW	

### Anchor Type Points

PF=Public Facility – 2 pts

NP=Non-Profit – 2 pts

PH= Project Host – 0.75 pts

CSP = Critical Service Provider – 0.5 pts

### System Size (SS) Points

SS ≤ 100 kW – 1.5 pts

100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW – 1.0 pts

500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW – 0.5 pts

SS >1000 kW – 0 pts

### Regional EJ Score Points

Region with the Highest Regional EJ Score – 2.0 pts

Region with the Second Highest Regional EJ Score – 1.0 pts

Region with No RECs to date – 1.0 pts

All Other Regions – 0 pts

The seven projects are scored and grouped into six score groups from ~~87.0025~~-points to 2.00-points, as shown in Table 3. In this example, the first three score groups make up \$5,250,624 of the \$5,913,589 available incentives in this prioritization. Even though the next-highest scoring group of ~~65.50~~ (comprising solely Project 4) increases the amount of incentives allocated in the EJC selection to greater than 25% of the total LICs sub-program budget, it is still accepted and funded in full because that project does not increase the cumulative incentives allocated to greater than the total sub-program budget. The EJC selection process is now complete, having allocated more than 25% of the annual sub-program budget.

TABLE 3. SCORING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SELECTION (SIMPLE EXAMPLE)

EJC Prioritization					Total Possible Incentives		\$5,913,589	
Project	LI score	MWBE score	Anchor Type score	Size score	Regional EJ score	Total score	Selected	SELECTED (CUMUL \$)
<del>32</del>	<u>2</u>	<del>02</del>	<del>2.750</del>	<del>10.5</del>	<u>2</u>	<del>78.0025</del>	*	<del>\$2,411,170,582,253</del>
<del>23</del>	<u>2</u>	<del>20</del>	<del>2.750</del>	<del>10.5</del>	<u>0</u>	<del>76.2500</del>	*	\$2,581,835
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	0	3.25	0.5	<u>1</u>	<u>65.75</u>	*	\$5,250,624
<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	0	2.50	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>65.50</u>	*	\$7,720,117
5	2	0	3.25	0	<u>0</u>	5.25		
6	2	0	3.25	0	<u>0</u>	5.25		
7	0	0	2.00	0	<u>0</u>	2.00		

The scenario below is more complicated. The highlighted cells in Table 4 ~~are~~ where the profiles of Project 1, Project 5 and Project 6 ~~have~~ changed from the prior example.

TABLE 4. LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR (ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SELECTION, COMPLEX EXAMPLE)

Project #	Capacity (kW)	Proposed total REC incentive	EJC status	LI status	MWBE status	Anchor Type	System size (SS) status	Regional EJ Score
1	850.0	\$5,808,541	EJC	LI		PF-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	<u>No RECS to date</u>
2	900.0	\$2,170,253	EJC	LI	MWBE	NP-PH	500 kW < SS ≤ 1000 kW	

3	75.0	\$411,582	EJC	LI		PF-CSP	SS ≤ 100 kW	Highest
4	450.0	\$2,469,493	EJC	LI		PF -CSP	100 kW < SS ≤ 500 kW	Second Highest
5	2000.0	\$6,490,785	EJC	LI		PF-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	No RECS to date
6	2000.0	\$5,758,344	EJC	LI		NP-PH-CSP	SS >1000 kW	No RECS to date
7	1900.0	\$5,439,574	EJC			NP	SS >1000 kW	

In this example, after scoring and grouping, three projects are selected, the highest-scoring groups of ~~78.0025~~ points through the group scoring ~~65.50~~ points, as shown in Table 5. The total contract value of these is less than the 25% EJCs target. The next group of projects, scoring ~~65.25~~ points, cumulatively exceeds the 25% target. Projects are then randomly selected from this score category until the cumulative allocation meets or exceeds 25% of the sub-program’s budget (\$5,913,589 in this example, where the total annual sub-program budget is assumed to be \$23,654,356).

TABLE 5. SCORING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES SELECTION (COMPLEX EXAMPLE)

EJC Prioritization					Total Possible Incentives			\$5,913,589
Project	LI score	MWBE score	Anchor Type score	Size score	Regional EJ score	Total score	Selected	SELECTED (CUML \$\$)
<del>32</del>	2	<del>02</del>	<del>2.5075</del>	0.5	<del>2</del>	<del>78.0025</del>	*	<del>\$411,582</del>
<del>23</del>	2	<del>20</del>	<del>2.7550</del>	1.5	<del>0</del>	<del>76.2500</del>	*	\$2,581,835
4	2	0	2.50	1.0	<u>1</u>	<u>65.50</u>	*	\$5,051,328
1	2	0	2.75	0.5	<u>1</u>	<u>65.25</u>	*	
5	2	0	3.25	0	<u>1</u>	<u>65.25</u>	*	\$11,542,113
6	2	0	3.25	0	<u>1</u>	<u>65.25</u>		
7	0	0	2.00	0	<u>0</u>	2.00		

In this instance, the randomly selected Project 5 (highlighted in blue) is accepted, even though its proposed REC contract value of approximately \$6,490,785 causes the EJC selection to cumulatively exceed the 25% allocation of \$5,913,589.

For those eligible projects that are not in qualified ILSFA EJCs, or are in qualified EJCs but not selected as part of that sub-program’s initial 25% allocation to EJCs under the process described above, if the total capacity-incentive value represents less than 75% of the available incentive budget for that sub-program, all eligible projects will be allocated incentives with contracts sent to the ICC for approval. Like the EJCs selection process,

after the close of the initial project submission window, the Program Administrator will announce when the rolling project submission window will open, with the remaining budget up to 75% of the sub-program being allocated to eligible projects not in EJs (or eligible EJ projects after the 25% EJ annual allocation is filled) on a first-come, first-served basis for the remainder of the program year.

If the total capacity incentive value of eligible projects not in qualified EJs, or in qualified EJs but not selected as part of that sub-program's initial 25% allocation described above, submitted in the project submission window represents more than 75% of the available incentive budget for that sub-program, the General Project Selection Process will be initiated for those projects. The General Project Selection Process is conducted in two stages: The first stage prioritizing projects in qualified ILSFA LI communities and the second stage prioritizing the remainder of the projects. In both stages, prioritization is done by scoring and weighting key project attributes and selecting the highest-scoring projects first.

## Low-Income Community Selection (Prioritization 2)

In Prioritization 2, all eligible projects that were not selected in Prioritization 1 but are in EJs will have their scores reset to zero. If the percentage of total incentive value of eligible projects in qualified LI communities is less than 25% of the total sub-program budget, all projects will be selected. If the value of incentives exceeds 25%, scoring will then occur similar to the process indicated in Table 3. Note that for the LI community prioritization, there is no low-income attribute to score. This is because all projects eligible to be in this prioritization round must meet this requirement. Eligible projects that are not in LI communities will be held for the next selection round. For a selection within the LICS sub-program, this round will also take the geographic location of the projects into account. ~~Projects located in a utility service territory that did not have a project selected in the previous EJ round will be given two points. Projects located in a state region with a high Regional EJ Score will receive additional point(s). The Regional EJ Score is calculated for each of the six state regions (Cook County, Northeast, Northwest, West Central, East Central, and Southern). It is calculated as the percentage of all state EJ households located in that region divided by the percent of all REC incentive dollars from prior program years awarded in that region for that sub-program.~~ The scores assigned for the geographic or building size attributes for the LI communities (Table 6) are based only on eligible projects under consideration in that round and not the total portfolio of submitted projects.



Like the first prioritization, projects in the LI community~~ies~~ selection will be selected in order of greatest points to lowest until a minimum of 25% of the annual sub-program budget has been allocated. Projects will be sorted into groups of like scores (for example, all projects with a score of 4 will be grouped together), with all projects in the highest scoring~~at~~ group being selected. If the total incentive value of the highest scoring project or group of projects does not exceed 25% of the sub-program's budget, the project or group with the next highest score will be selected, and so on. ~~-If the total incentive value of a any group brings the cumulative total of incentives awarded beyond 25% of the sub-program's budget, individual projects will be randomly selected from that scoring group until at least 25% of the annual sub-program budget is allocated, at which time the random selection of projects will stop.<sup>1</sup> Note, the final project selected from this prioritization will still be awarded its full incentive value (provided its funding source has the funds available).~~ until a cumulative 25% of the annual sub-program budget is allocated for the LI communities project selections, upon which the random selection of projects will stop.<sup>2</sup>The remaining unfunded LI projects will be placed on an LI waitlist based upon project score or the random selection process, as applicable, to determine the order of the waitlist. The ordered waitlist will be used to determine the order in which projects would be offered additional funding in the event that selected LI projects do not complete their contracts or are later withdrawn. Any remaining projects in qualified LI communities, including those on the LI waitlist, will be put back into the general pool and will advance to Prioritization 3: General Selection. Projects from the EJ waitlist that are selected underin Low-Income Community Selection (Prioritization 2) will be removed from the EJ waitlist; any remaining projects on the EJ waitlist following the Low-Income Community Selection will also advance to General Selection.

TABLE 6. SCORING RUBRIC FOR LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES SELECTION: LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECTS

<b>Prioritization 2: Low-Income Communities (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2

<sup>1</sup> ~~Similar to the EJs prioritization, a randomly selected project in this scenario would be rejected only if it caused the total cumulative allocation for the sub-program to exceed the annual sub-program budget.~~

<sup>2</sup> ~~Similar to the EJs prioritization, a randomly selected project in this scenario would be rejected only if it caused the total cumulative allocation for the sub-program to exceed the annual sub-program budget.~~

MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
<del>Utility Service Territory not chosen in EJs Prioritization 1 Regional EJ Score</del>	<del>Any utility service territory for which project(s) were not chosen in EJs Prioritization 1 Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date</del>	<del>2 / 1</del>
Anchor Type	Anchor is a non-profit or public facility. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Eligible project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size > 100 kW ≤ 500 kW	Eligible project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size > 500 kW ≤ 1000 kW	Eligible project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>10.75</b>

## General Selection (Prioritization 3)

~~If the value of remaining unselected (and otherwise eligible) projects does not exceed the remaining unallocated annual capacity of the sub-program (after allocating 25% for EJs and up to 25% for LI communities), all of the remaining projects can be selected for the sub-program. If the value of remaining unselected and otherwise eligible projects does exceed the remaining unallocated annual capacity,~~ The General Selection Protocol (Prioritization 3) will be used to select projects for the remaining unallocated annual capacity of the sub-program. All eligible projects that may have scores from the previous EJC or LI community selections are reset to zero. Eligible projects will then be given ~~two~~ one points for each of the following attributes: MWBE Vendor, EJC, LI community (and if a community solar project, Non-Profit/Public Facility (NP/PF) ~~an~~ Anchor ~~type~~ and the potential for additional Project Host and Critical Service Provider points). Additionally, points will be awarded on a rising scale if, for LIDG and NP/PF projects, 51% or greater participant savings is evident.

For each sub-program, the Program Administrator will evaluate what proportion of the total sub-program capacity, looking solely at projects already selected up to this point, fall into the below attributes:

Non-Profit/Public Facilities	Community Solar	Distributed Generation
<del>Group (A vs B)</del>	Project Size (500 kW)	Group (A vs B)
Type (NP vs PF)		
Project size (100kW)		

For each sub-program, if the total amount of incentives already chosen within a category of the first attribute in the chart above represents less than 30% of the total incentive value capacity for the sub-program, projects will be chosen from the underrepresented category until 30% of total sub-program incentive value capacity is reached for that category. The same process will be repeated for the second attribute (for NP/PF, the project size). After projects have been selected in an effort to balance the portfolio, projects will be selected based on the highest score until there are no funds available. Any remaining projects will be ordered by score and randomized as needed to create a General Selection waitlist. Any projects selected in General Selection (Prioritization 3) from the EJ and/or LI waitlists will be removed from the respective waitlist.



<b>Prioritization 3: General Selection (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project Application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>89.725</b>

# Randomization and Resizing

## Tie Score – Randomization Protocol

If at any point, in the prioritization processes, there is a “tie” in the scores for projects, the projects with tied scores will be randomly ordered within that tie score group. The randomization process will follow the same process proposed for previous program years, which can be found in the Random Selection Guidance Document.

## Resizing Options

If at any point, in the prioritization processes, a selected project is larger than the remaining annual sub-program budget allows, the following procedure is triggered:

1. If a project cannot fit into the remaining sub-program utility budget, the Program Administrator will attempt to allocate it to the remaining sub-program Renewable Energy Resources Fund (RERF) budget.
2. If a project cannot fit into either the remaining utility budget or the remaining RERF budget, then the Approved Vendor will be presented with the option to resize using the largest utility funds remaining. ~~slice of the two funding sources. If there are no utility funds remaining, then the RERF funds remaining will be used.~~ The Approved Vendor may also choose ~~the~~ from a second ~~or~~ and third resizing option, described in the paragraphs below.
3. The next project (either the next highest scored project or the next sequential project in a tied score group) will be chosen, ~~this project will either be the next highest scored project or the next sequential project in a tied score group~~ if there is remaining funding in the sub-program, as needed to fill the selection stage’s allocation (e.g., EJs having at least 25% of the total sub-program budget), using steps #1-~~2~~3.
4. Steps #1-3 will then be used for the next selection stage (e.g., LI community) until that stage’s allocation of the entire sub-program budget is filled, if possible.
5. If there are remaining budgeted funds for the sub-program for the final General Selection Prioritization, then, starting from the highest scored project, steps #1-3 will be used again.

A second option available to the Approved Vendor whose selected project cannot fit into either the remaining utility budget or the remaining RERF budget is to accept the budget available. ~~this~~ This means that the Approved Vendor ~~could~~ may choose to build the originally-sized project as planned but divide the total project size into two arrays where one is sized to align with the awarded amount; this array would receive the ILSFA REC contract. To be considered as separate arrays, the two arrays would be required to have separate meters and inverters, as outlined in Section 10.16 of the ILSFA Approved Vendor Manual. The non-contracted array could apply to ILSFA in a future program year, subject to the guidelines on ~~“Expansions”~~ in Section 10.6 of the ILSFA Approved Vendor Manual, but with no special consideration applicable to the non-contracted array in project selection.

A third option is that an Approved Vendor may decline the selection for an ILSFA REC contract that requires resizing (and the selection option would pass on to the next project in the selection process) but may remain at its position in the program year’s waitlist within the sub-program (which would be called on, for example, if another awarded project failed to execute its contract, post collateral, etc., and thus was withdrawn from the program). Approved Vendors that elect this option are required to notify the Program Administrator of ~~this decision~~ a decision to decline the award -within 10 business days from being first notified of the resizing option ~~that funding is available~~.

## Appendix A. Scoring Charts by Sub-Program

TABLE 1. LOW-INCOME DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	1
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved	1



	<p>by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Group B	ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>6</b>

**Prioritization 2: Low-Income Communities** (assessing total incentive value of qualifying projects within this bucket)

Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
Group A	Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:



		0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Group B	ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.  An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	1
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>6</b>





<b>Prioritization 3: Project Diversity</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	1
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50 %, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is 51-60%=.25 points, 61-80%=1 point, 81-100%=2 points
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>5</b>

**TABLE 2. LOW-INCOME COMMUNITY SOLAR**

<b>Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	2
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP)	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5

System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size 501 kW- 1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW	0.5
<u>Regional EJ Score</u>	<u>Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date</u>	<u>2 / 1</u>
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b><u>10 8.75</u></b>

### Prioritization 2: Low-Income Communities (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)

Attribute:	Definition:	Score:
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
MWBE	<p>Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	2
<u>Regional EJ Score</u> <del>Utility Service Territory not chosen in</del>	<u>Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date</u> <del>Any utility service territory for which project(s) were not chosen in EJC Prioritization 1</del>	<u>2 / 1</u> <del>2</del>

<b>EJCs Prioritization ±</b>		
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of the project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
System size ≤ 100 kW	Qualifying project is less than or equal to 100 kW	1.5
System size 101 – 500 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 100 kW and less than or equal to 500 kW	1
System size 501 kW-1000 kW	Qualifying project is greater than 500 kW and less than or equal to 1000 kW.	0.5
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>10.75</b>

**Prioritization 3: General Selection (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)**

<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	2
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	2
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National	2

	<p>Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	
Anchor Type	Anchor is a NP/PF. The anchor institution must provide an LOI, and the anchor tenant subscription must be at least 10% of project size, and not more than 40% of project size.	2
Project host	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also the project host.	0.75
Critical Service Provider	Additional if the Anchor NP/PF is also a critical service provider (CSP).	0.5
If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on group, has <30% below or above the 250 kW threshold, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.		
<b>Total possible score:</b>		<b>9.25</b>

**TABLE 3. NON-PROFITS/PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Prioritization 1: EJs (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)</b>		
Attribute	Definition	Score
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	1
MWBE	An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier	1

	<p>Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	<p>If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by &lt; or =</p> <p>+<del>10</del><u>15</u>% = .25, +<del>11</del><u>15</u>-<del>30</del><u>25</u>%=1 point, +<del>31</del><u>25</u>% and greater=2 points</p>
<u>Regional EJ Score Group A</u>	<u>Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO</u>	<p><del>2 / 1</del> If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:</p> <p><del>0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, &gt;75%=0</del></p>
<u>Group B</u>	<u>ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM</u>	<p>If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:</p> <p><del>0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, &gt;75%=0</del></p>
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit	<p>If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:</p> <p>0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, &gt;75%=0</p>

Entity Type: Public facility	Qualifying project is on a public facility	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size <=/ <del>100-200</del> kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is less than or equal to <del>100-200</del> kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size > <del>100</del> <u>200</u> kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is greater than <del>100</del> <u>200</u> kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>	<b>10</b>	

### Prioritization 2: Low-Income Communities (assessing total incentive value of eligible projects within this bucket)

Attribute	Definition	Score
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, An Approved Vendor Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of</p>	1



	the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.	
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by < or = + <del>10</del> <u>15</u> % = .25, + <del>11</del> <u>15</u> - <del>30</del> <u>25</u> %=1 point, + <del>31</del> <u>25</u> % and greater=2 points
<u>Regional EJ Score Group A</u>	<del>Project is in a region with the highest Regional EJ Score / Project is in a region with the second highest Regional EJ Score or a region with no EJ Score because it has not received any RECs to-date Ameren Illinois, MidAmerican, Mt. Carmel, Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in MISO</del>	<del>2 / 1 If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, &gt;75%=0</del>
<u>Group B</u>	<del>ComEd, and Rural Electric Cooperatives and Municipal Utilities located in PJM</del>	<del>If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, &gt;75%=0</del>
Entity Type: Non-profit	Qualifying project is on a non-profit	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
Entity Type: Public facility	Qualifying project is on a public facility	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size </= <del>100-200</del> kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is less than or equal to <del>100-200</del> kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is:



		0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
System size > <del>100</del> <u>200</u> kW	Qualifying NP/PF project is greater than <del>100</del> <u>200</u> kW	If total incentive value of projects for this attribute is: 0-25%=2, 26-50%=1, 51-75%=0.5, >75%=0
<b>Total possible score:</b>	<b>10</b>	

<b>Prioritization 3: Project Diversity</b>		
<b>Attribute:</b>	<b>Definition:</b>	<b>Score:</b>
EJC	Located within a qualifying ILSFA environmental justice community (EJC)	1
LI community	Located within a qualifying ILSFA LI community	1
MWBE	<p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, an Approved Vendor Designee (if the Designee is the entity submitting the project application) that is registered with public or non-public third-party certifying bodies approved by ComEd and Ameren Illinois, including but not limited to, the National Minority Supplier Development Council and its regional affiliates, and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council and its regional affiliates.</p> <p>An Approved Vendor, Approved Vendor Aggregator, or Approved Vendor Designee who has demonstrated for the applicable project contractual commitments with MWBE subcontractors of 50% or more of the proposed REC contract value. The contractual commitments must be met prior to energization.</p>	1



Participant Savings	When the percentage savings passed to participants is greater than the minimum 50%, or 65% if the project claims the Income Tax Credit, points will be awarded.	If the percentage savings passed on to participants is above the minimum requirement by < or = +1015% = .25, +1115-+3025%=1 point, +3125% and greater=2 points
<del>If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio currently has &lt;30% of projects in Group A or B, select projects in underrepresented group until 30% is reached.</del>		
If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on group, has <30% of projects on NP or PF, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.		
If the cumulative incentive value for entire portfolio, after balancing on project type, has <30% below or above the 100-200 kW threshold, select projects in underrepresented category until 30% is reached.		
<b>Total possible score:</b>	<b>5</b>	