

# Illinois Solar for All

## Approved Vendor Manual

### Updates

This document outlines proposed major updates to the Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) Approved Vendor Manual. The ILSFA Program Administrator is publishing this draft of the [updated Approved Vendor Manual](#) to provide several clarifications and to ensure that ILSFA guidelines remain consistent with the [2024 Long-Term Renewable Resources Procurement Plan](#).

The Illinois Power Agency (the Agency) and the ILSFA Program Administrator are seeking feedback on the proposed changes to the Approved Vendor Manual. A list of substantive updates to the Approved Vendor Manual is provided in Section 19.1. Comments are welcome from stakeholders in ILSFA as well as from other interested parties.

In general, responses will be published on the ILSFA website ([illinoisSFA.com](http://illinoisSFA.com)). However, should a commenter seek to designate any portion of its response as confidential, that commenter should provide both public and redacted versions. Independent of that designation, if the Agency or the ILSFA Program Administrator determines that a response contains confidential information that should not be disclosed, it reserves the right to provide its own redactions.

**Responses are due by Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. CT and should be sent to [comments@IllinoisSFA.com](mailto:comments@IllinoisSFA.com).**

**The Agency and the ILSFA Program Administrator are seeking feedback on the following major updates to the Approved Vendor Manual chapters:**

## Chapter 1

- Updated information related to the new Illinois Solar for All website
- Updated ILSFA Partner Firms
- Added clarification on what constitutes Small and Emerging Businesses

## Chapter 2

- Updated REC pricing for the 2025-2026 program year
- Added information on the Residential Pilot Programs
- Added information on the Department of Energy Clean Energy Connector Tool

## Chapter 3

- Clarified conditional approvals of Approved Vendor or Designee applications

## Chapter 4

- Clarified language regarding Community Solar single-billing requirements
- Updated Approved Vendor requirements for participant referrals

## Chapter 5

- Updated language to reflect the Disclosure Form savings calculation updates accounting for Net Metering rate changes and rebate payments
- Clarified language regarding savings calculation variations for the Residential Solar (Large) sub-program

## Chapter 6

- Updated types of income on the current list of what is and is NOT considered income
- Added “Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (AABD) and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) as Qualifying Third-Party Program for Verifications
- Included income verification descriptions for Fixed Income Households and Income Deductions
- Clarified language on income verification steps for referrals through the DOE Connector platform

## Chapter 7

- Clarified language for Approved Vendor marketing messages relating to upfront costs and savings
- Added information on tagging Illinois Solar for All on social media
- Clarified language for marketing review of participant testimonials and Approved Vendor timelines to resubmit materials for review

## Chapter 8

- Updated the Disclosure Form section to reflect Net Metering rate changes
- Clarified requirement for Authority Having Jurisdiction permits
- Added documentation requirements for House of Worship projects under 100kW AC

### Chapter 13

- Added link to the Invoicing Schedule in place of the schedule photo

### Chapter 14

- Updated photo documentation requirements for Part II project applications
- Adjusted the number of project inspections required by Approved Vendors

### Chapter 15

- Added additional CEJA Workforce Development Programs categories
- Clarified language for Eligible Job Trainees term limits
- Added that a review of compliance with job training requirements must be completed prior to Part II Approval

### Chapter 18

- Included glossary definitions of ILSFA-related terms
- Updated the timeline for revisions to Income Guidelines as a result of Public Act 103-1066 which directed updates to occur on an annual, rather than five-year, cycle