



Enhanced Support and Streamlined Certification Process for Equity Eligible Contractors

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The Illinois Power Agency (IPA) and the Program Administrator are committed to the success of Equity Eligible Contractors (EEC) in the Illinois Shines program. As part of that commitment, the Program Administrator has recently made significant enhancements to the [Become an Equity Eligible Contractor webpage](#) on the Illinois Shines website. The webpage has been updated to provide a more seamless and supportive user experience for solar contractors and subcontractors navigating the EEC certification journey, making benefits and processes clearer.

Enhancements to the EEC webpage are as follows:

1. The “Simple Steps to becoming a certified Equity Eligible Contractor” section has been streamlined to ensure a more user-friendly and efficient application process. This step-by-step guide now offers clearer instructions on how to become EEC certified and what to expect throughout the certification journey, empowering prospective EECs to navigate the process with confidence.
2. Recognizing the importance of personalized assistance, the EEC webpage now highlights the availability of dedicated support from the EEC Sector Strategist, during and following EEC certification. This personalized support underscores the Agency’s commitment to fostering the success of EECs in the renewable energy sector.
3. To enhance outreach initiatives and facilitate collaboration between the IPA and its Program Administrators, an accompanying EEC flyer has been developed to effectively communicate how to “Become an Equity Eligible Contractor,” encouraging increased engagement and participation.

The IPA hopes that these web enhancements will not only simplify the certification journey for companies and non-profit organizations seeking EEC certification, but also provide the necessary support for EECs to access the benefits of a clean energy economy.

Please visit the [Become an Equity Eligible Contractor webpage](#) on the Illinois Shines website to experience the latest improvements.