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**Illinois Solar for All Expansion  
Intake Portal Working Group  
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# USEPA GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND: SOLAR FOR ALL COMPETITION WINNING APPLICATION DESIGNED FROM STAKEHOLDER INPUT



**\$156,000,000**  
federal funding



**aligned**  
with CEJA and IL policy

## **INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION:**

IFA, ICC, DCEO, IL EPA, IPA, IHDA, IDOT, DNR

## **STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION**

More than 150 different entities between Nov 2022 and Application

## SOLAR FOR ALL EXPANSION PURPOSE

100% of Solar for All Expansion program funding must be used to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission technologies, such as solar energy.

### Purpose

Each program seeks to fill a gap identified by stakeholder engagement beginning with CEJA and continuing until Illinois made the proposal in late 2023.

Each program is intended to enable low income and disadvantaged communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission technologies, such as solar energy.

The entire purpose of the US EPA Solar for All program is to improve equitable access to zero-emission technologies and the clean energy economy.

Equity should be woven throughout these program designs. If you don't see it, or see provisions that are inequitable, Please Say Something!

## WORKING GROUPS

Illinois Climate Bank will convene working groups to assist in designing the Illinois Solar for All Expansion Programs.

# Intake Portal Working Group - Scope

## We Will Cover:

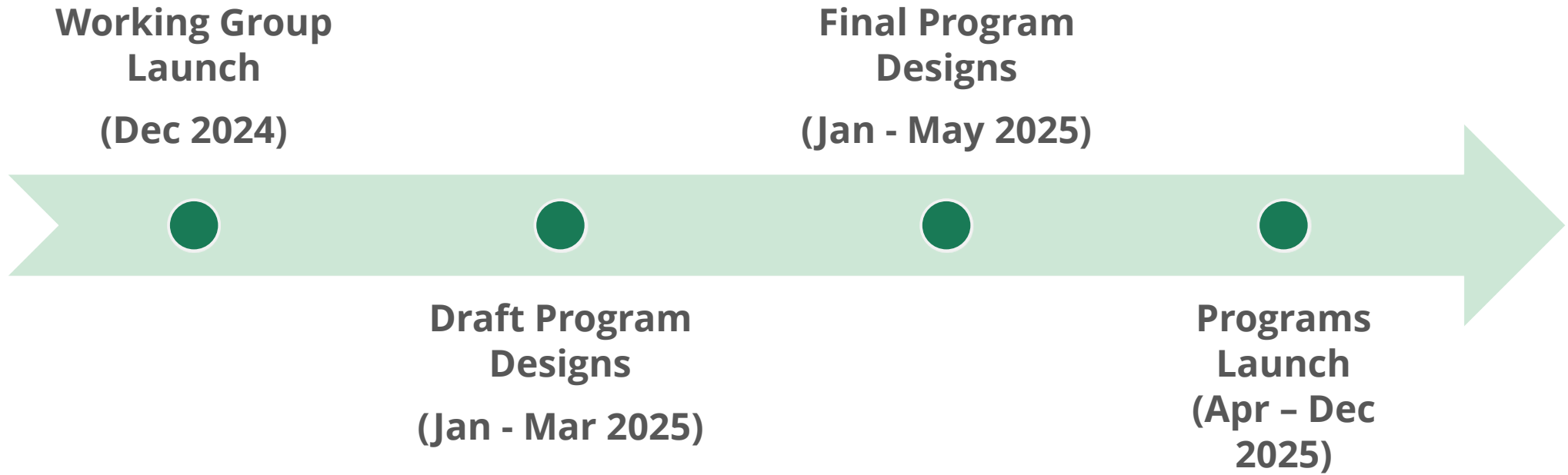
Creation of a contractor intake portal intended to decrease the administrative burden of incentive and financing programs and speed project applications, decisions, and reporting.



# TIMELINE

Illinois Climate Bank will convene working groups to assist in designing the Illinois Solar for All Expansion Programs.

All SFA Expansion Programs will be launched by EOY 2025.





### SUMMARY

The Illinois Climate Bank will work with Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the State agency administering CEJA's workforce and contractor development initiatives, to support the development of a single portal targeted at supporting new and emerging disadvantaged businesses' ability to access various support opportunities. The contractor portal will be designed to share information across agencies to streamline application processes and reduce administrative burdens in accessing grant and loan offerings.

A non-exhaustive list of coordinated processes includes:

- Illinois Climate Bank Loans
- Equitable Energy Future Grant Program
- Contractor Incubator and Primes Accelerator Opportunities

### OPEN QUESTIONS

- What systems must this portal integrate with?
- Customer privacy requirements

### single portal/application

to help coordinate disparate efforts supporting new and emerging disadvantaged businesses involved in low-income and disadvantaged community solar

### key elements

- Share application and credential information across state agencies
- Track contractor support from various sources
- Contractor education, engagement, and recruitment

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## NEXT STEPS

- Completing similar sessions with all 5 working groups.
- Draft program designs released for comment in early spring.

## NEXT STEPS

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