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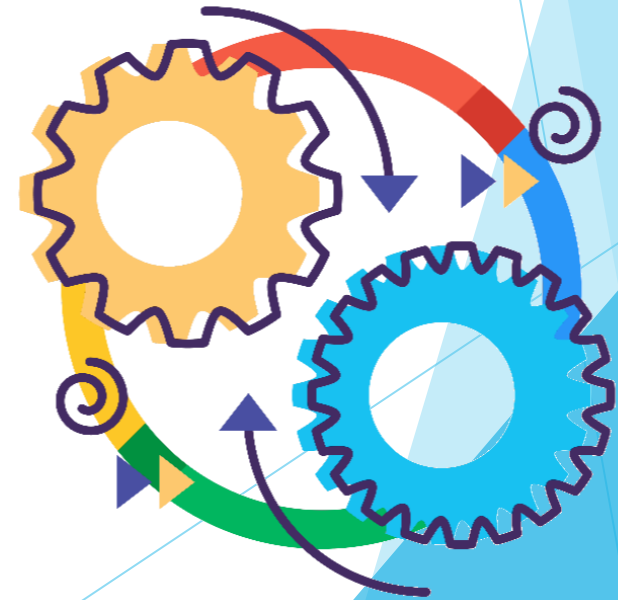
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

~ Adena Rivas

Energy Projects Manager

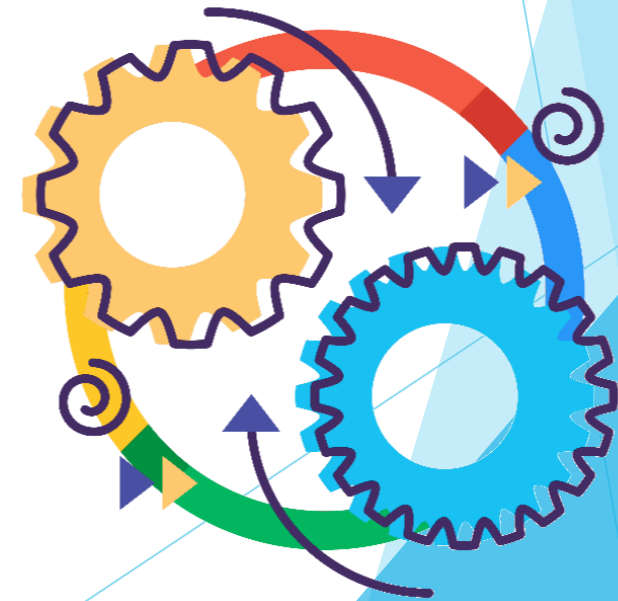
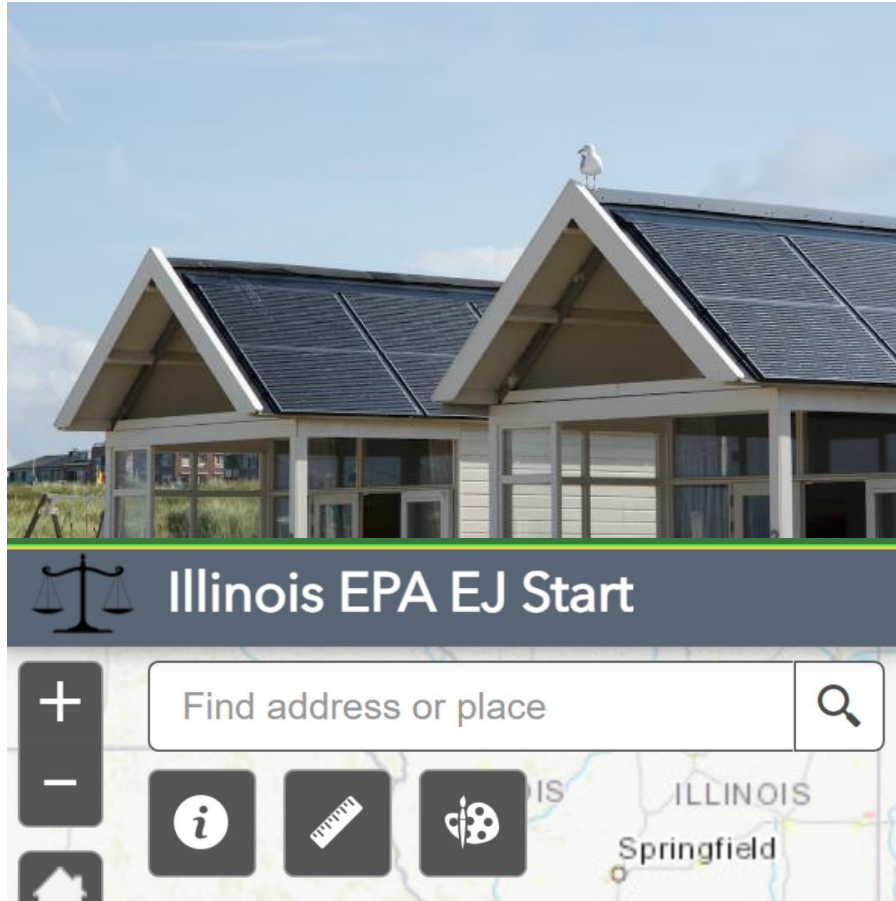
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✓ Invest in the Public Sector



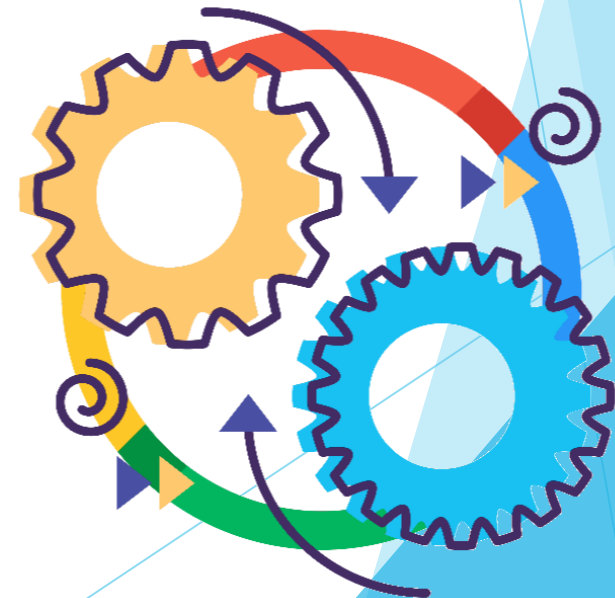
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✓ Advance Energy Equity



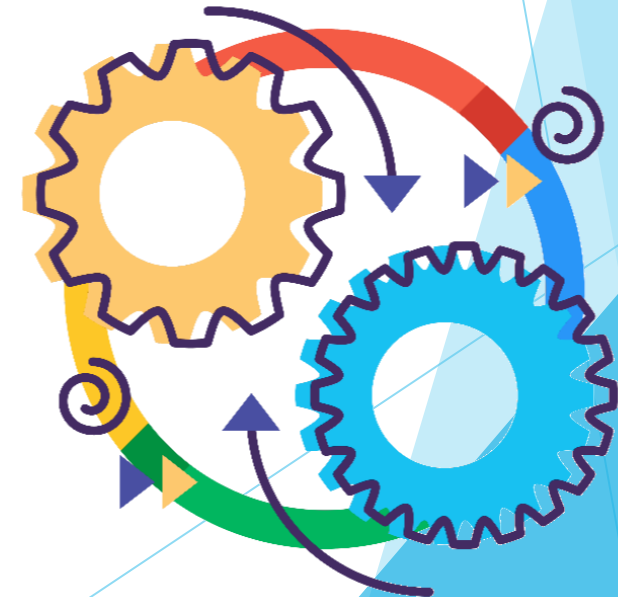
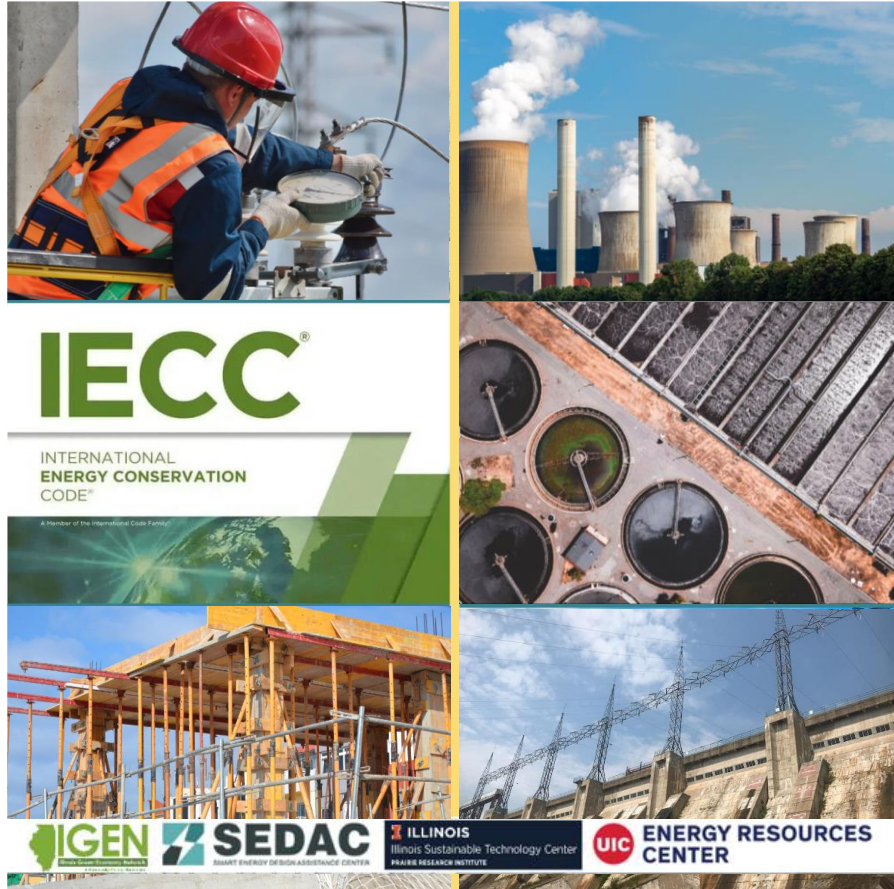
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- ✓ Combine Energy and Environment



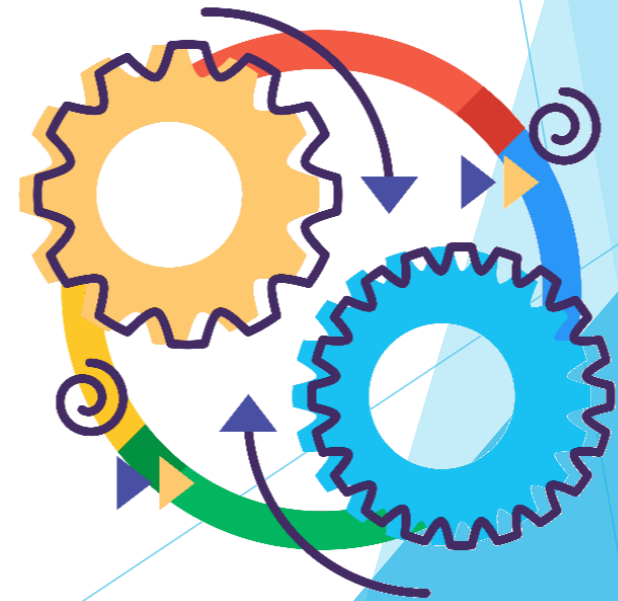
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✓ Support Energy Education



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✓ Optimize Resources





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Office of Energy Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Checklist

- ▶ Grant awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$249,900
- ▶ The grant program seeks to invest USDOE Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds in **energy planning**, **energy audits**, and energy efficiency **building upgrades**.
- ▶ Municipalities and counties eligible for direct formula funding through the USDOE EECBG Program or on the [final list of formula grant funding allocations](#) are **not eligible** for funding through this state program.





ENERGY PLANNING



REDUCE TOTAL
ENERGY USE



IMPROVE ENERGY
EFFICIENCY



REDUCE FOSSIL
FUEL EMISSIONS



BUILD CLEAN &
EQUITABLE ENERGY
ECONOMY

EECBG
non-Formula State
Grants



**EECBG
non-Formula State
Grants**



EECBG non-Formula State Grants

- **Municipalities and Counties ONLY**
- **Projects = identified in EE Building Assessment within last 3 years**

General Grant Process

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Grant Applications Evaluated and Scored

Notice of State Award (NOSA)

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGAs)

Press Release





Anticipated Date	Illinois EPA Action or Award Deadline
December 1, 2023	Release NOFO & Pre-Recorded Technical Assistance Information Session
January 22, 2024	Close the Application Period
March 2024	Send a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to selected applicants
May 2024	Provide fully executed grant agreement to grant recipients
June 2026	Grantee must complete projects
July 2026	Grantee must submit Final Reimbursement Request

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General Table Summary Page

- Awarding Agency
- Agency Contact
- Award Range
- Application Date Range
- Match Required (%)

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency -- Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program											
Notice of Funding Opportunity											
Data Field											
1. Awarding Agency Name:	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency										
2. Agency Contact:	Adena Rivas Adena.Rivas@Illinois.gov 217.785.7332										
3. Announcement Type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of a previous announcement										
4. Type of Assistance Instrument:	Grant										
5. Funding Opportunity Number:	24-3183-01										
6. Funding Opportunity Title:	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program										
7. CSFA Number:	532-30-3183										
8. CSFA Popular Name:	EECBG Program										
9. CFDA Number(s):	81.128										
10. Anticipated Number of Awards:	0 to 15										
11. Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,909,890										
12. Award Range:	\$200,000 to \$249,900										
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY



U.S. DOE EECBG Project Blueprints:



- Energy Planning
- Energy Efficiency- Energy Audits and Building Upgrades

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
EECBG Program **24-3183-01**

A. Program Description

Program Background Information and Objectives: Awards for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant ("EECBG") Program under this NOFO will be funded, in whole or in part, with funds appropriated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA Public Law 117-58, November 15, 2021), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The EECBG program, administered by the Illinois EPA Office of Energy and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), assists eligible units of local governments in implementing strategies to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, maximizes benefits for local and regional communities;
- Reduce the total energy use of the eligible entities;
- Improve energy efficiency in the transportation sector, the building sector and other appropriate sectors (42 U.S.C. 17152(b)); and
- Build a clean and equitable energy economy that prioritizes disadvantaged communities and promotes equity and inclusion in workforce opportunities and deployment activities, consistent with the [Justice40 Initiative](#).

These stated purposes describe the overall intent of the Illinois EECBG Program. Each entity receiving EECBG Program funds is required to use the funds cost-effectively for maximum benefit to the population of that entity and to yield sustained long-term impacts on energy use, emission reduction, and equitable workforce and community investment opportunities. The Illinois EPA Office of Energy encourages entities to develop new and innovative approaches within the framework of the outlined program requirements.

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NOTE:

NOFO applications **must** include energy planning to be eligible for funding. Applications requesting funds for energy audits only or for energy efficiency building upgrade projects will be deemed ineligible immediately.



- [Energy Planning](#)
- [Energy Efficiency- Energy Audits and Building Upgrades](#)

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1) ENERGY PLANNING

A strategic energy or climate action plan is a long-term roadmap to focus and guide efforts and actions toward a defined energy vision. Plans catalog existing energy consumption, sources, and users; articulate goals; develops strategies and actions to meet the goals; and identify resources needed to ensure effective completion of these strategies.



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2) **ENERGY EFFICIENCY- ENERGY AUDITS and BUILDING UPGRADES**

- Energy assessments and audits are key activities to identify potential energy saving opportunities in buildings and provide the technical and financial information that decision makers need to evaluate and approve energy efficiency, electrification, and grid interactivity retrofits.
- Retrofitting existing buildings presents an opportunity to improve the energy performance and operational costs of building assets. Retrofits also offer a chance to invest in energy burdened and underinvested areas.



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Program Description

→ Eligibility

This NOFO is designed to fund energy planning, energy audits, and municipal energy efficiency building upgrades.

Only municipalities and counties are eligible to apply.

Municipalities and counties eligible for direct formula funding through the USDOE EECBG Program or on the [final list of formula grant funding](#) allocations are **not eligible** for funding through this NOFO. →



SCEP
STATE & COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

FINAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP)
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

ATTACHMENT 1A: DOE FORMULA GRANT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) PROGRAM

This document presents the final formula grant funding allocations by Local Government (Table 1a) for the EECBG Program - Sec. 40552(b) of the [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\)](#) of 2021.

Table 1a. FINAL EECBG Program Formula Grant Funding Allocations to Local Governments Listed Alphabetically by State and Local Government

#	State/Territory	Entity Name	Level of Government	Allocation
Total (Local Governments)				\$299,200,000
1	AK	Aleutians East	County	\$75,120
2	AK	Fairbanks North Star	County	\$77,080
3	AK	Haines	County	\$75,080
4	AK	Kenai Peninsula	County	\$76,770
5	AK	Ketchikan Gateway	County	\$75,180
6	AK	Kodiak Island	County	\$75,250
7	AK	Matanuska-Susitna	County	\$77,960
8	AK	North Slope	County	\$75,430
9	AK	Northwest Arctic	County	\$75,270
10	AK	Petersburg	County	\$75,120
11	AK	Anchorage	City	\$300,250
12	AK	Bethel	City	\$75,220
13	AK	Fairbanks	City	\$76,260

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Funding Information



- Funds Source = Federal
- Eligible Costs
- Required Narrative:
 - ❖ Applicant Description
 - ❖ Project Timeline
 - ❖ Project Budget
 - ❖ EE Assessment Project/s

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Eligibility Information

- Applicant Eligibility Checklist including any GATA requirements
- Detailed Cost Share or Match requirements
- Indirect Rate eligibility
- Additional requirements such as NEPA, BABA, etc.

An applicant eligibility checklist is provided below. **If the answer to any of the following questions is no, the proposed project will not be considered for funding.**

Applicant Criteria	Yes	No
Is the project located in Illinois?		
Is it to be administered by a unit of local government?		
Does unit of local government meet eligibility requirements as outlined in Section A: Program Description "Local Government Eligibility"?		
Is the applicant ineligible for direct USDOE EECBG formula funding?		
Can the applicant provide up-front costs for the project with the understanding that reimbursement for eligible project costs will occur no more frequently than monthly?		
Can the project(s) be completed by June 2026?		
Additional GATA Criteria	Yes	No
Can the applicant meet all the following pre-qualifications requirements through the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act ("GATA") Grantee Portal, www.grants.illinois.gov at the time of award?		
Does the applicant have a valid UEI number?		
Does applicant have a current SAM.gov account?		
Can the applicant prove it is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List?		
Is the applicant in good standing with the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State?		
Can the applicant prove it is not on the Illinois Stop Payment List?		
Can the applicant prove it is not on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions List?		
Applicant either: (a) has a current Internal Controls Questionnaire (ICQ); OR (b) is willing to complete an ICQ before Illinois EPA issues a Notice of State Award (NOSA) resulting from this NOFO?		
Does the applicant meet all eligibility requirements outlined in Section C?		

Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)

What is GATA in Illinois?

The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), became law as Public Act 98-0706 effective July 16, 2014. The purpose was to establish uniform administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements for state and federal awards.

Because grants are a significant funding mechanism for Illinois, distributing roughly \$15.8 Billion in grants in FY21, GATA is a foundational element promoting performance transparency and financial integrity of taxpayer dollars.



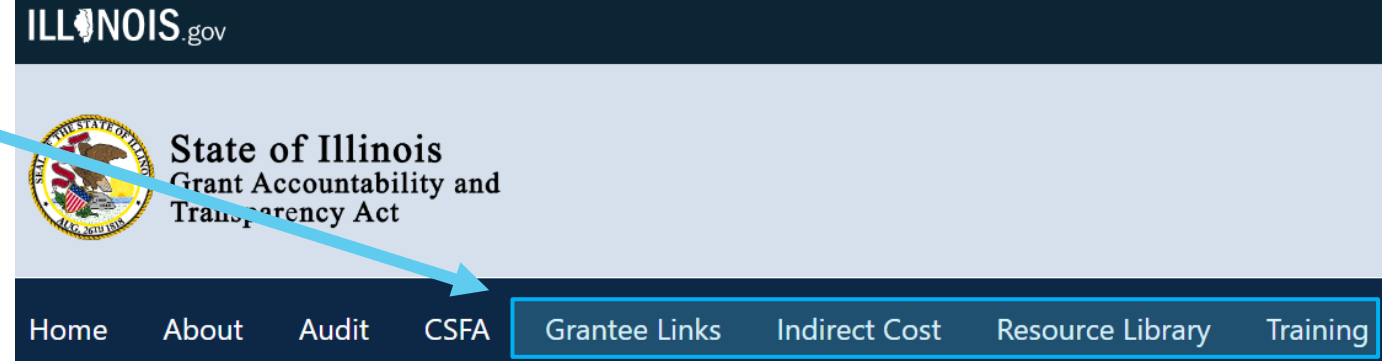
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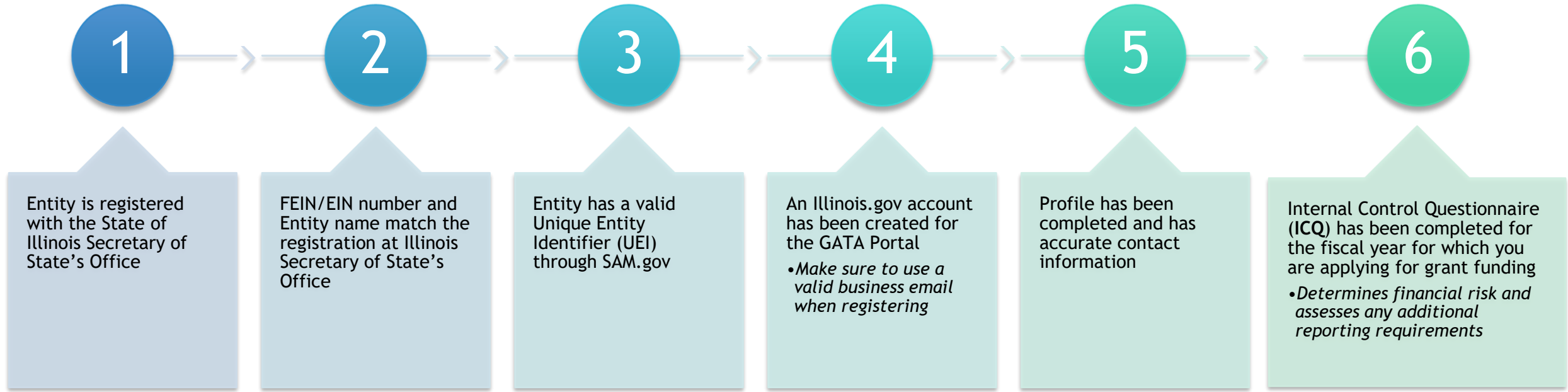
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GATA Pre-qualification Requirements

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Application and Submission Information

- Method and dates to submit
- Documents required for a complete application package



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Application Review

- Scoring and selection process
- Appeals process
- Award timeline information

Criteria and Scoring

- ▶ All applications are reviewed for completeness, technical merit, and adherence to the grant criteria described in the NOFO.
- ▶ Applications that have been found to be complete undergo a merit-based review performed in compliance with GATA and 2 CFR 200 Uniform Requirements.



Criteria and Scoring

- ▶ Complete Application
- ▶ Environmental Justice Area of Concern
- ▶ Energy Burden
- ▶ Energy/Electric Service
- ▶ Partnerships



Must Haves and Quick Tips

- ❑ Carefully read the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- ❑ Prepare your application early
 - ❑ Utilize the [USDOE Blueprint](#) resource to help identify key activities
- ❑ Be sure to include all the information and documents requested for a complete grant application
- ❑ Pay attention to the deadline





Complete Applications consists of:

- ❑ [GATA Uniform Application for State Grant Assistance](#)
- ❑ Narrative Project Plan
(refer to section *B.1 Funding Information*) of NOFO
- ❑ [Uniform Budget Template](#)
- ❑ [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\) Compliance Checklist](#)
- ❑ [Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest](#)
- ❑ [Programmatic Risk Assessment Form](#)



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