

**State of Illinois Uniform Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
Summary Information**

Awarding Agency Name	Commerce And Econ Opp
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Announcement Type	Initial
Type of Assistance Instrument	Grant
Funding Opportunity Number	FY25-2 Regional Site Readiness Program-Planning
Funding Opportunity Title	Illinois Regional Site Readiness Program
CSFA Number	420-35-3429
CSFA Popular Name	Regional Site Readiness
Anticipated Number of Awards	24
Estimated Total Program Funding	\$2,000,000
Award Range	\$25000 - \$150000
Source of Funding	State
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirements	Yes
Indirect Costs Allowed	Yes
Restrictions on Indirect Costs	Yes : In order to charge indirect costs to a grant, the applicant organization must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA).
Posted Date	07/23/2024
Application Date Range	07/23/2024 - 10/21/2024 : 5:00PM
Grant Application Link	Please select the entire address below and paste it into the browser... https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/3429-2863.html
Technical Assistance Session	Offered : Yes Mandatory : No Date : 07/30/2024 : 12:00PM Registration link : https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/ldr.php?RCID=7a16f1329ec92ce9873d77422598bdae

Agency-specific Content for the Notice of Funding Opportunity

Regional Site Readiness Program – PLANNING NOFO ID: 3429-2863

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A. Program Description

Notice of Funding Opportunity Intent

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (the “Department” or “DCEO”) is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) to support planning and due diligence activities for sites across the state to advance early-stage site readiness on properties with industrial and manufacturing economic development potential.

Program Description

The Regional Site Readiness Program aims to better prepare sites for industrial development in all 10 Economic Development Regions in the state.¹

Input from community leaders and economic development experts has raised the need for flexible funding to support planning and due diligence activities related to preparing sites for future development.

Purpose of the Program

- To support communities and landowners in their site readiness planning and assessments
- To address financial barriers to gathering information needed to determine next steps for site readiness
- To increase the number of sites with completed due diligence and expand the pipeline for future industrial site development
- To better prepare sites in all 10 Economic Development Regions for future development

Program History

The Regional Site Readiness Program - Planning Notice of Funding is a new funding opportunity. The Regional Site Readiness Program will create a more comprehensive state-wide strategy that builds on prior experience establishing the Megasites Development Program and complements Intersect Illinois’ existing Vetted Sites Program.

The Megasites Development Program was intended to improve Illinois’ competitive edge by increasing the number of large, attractive site locations for industrial development and address barriers to preparing sites for competitive site selection opportunities. To ensure geographic diversity of DCEO’s site readiness dollars, project sites that received funding under the Megasites Development Program or any previous megasites-related NOFOs are not eligible sites for Regional Site Readiness funding.

Intersect’s Vetted Sites Program identifies the top sites in Illinois based on a series of characteristics and provides site and infrastructure data for fast-moving projects. Sites designated as a Vetted Site are eligible to apply for Regional Site Readiness funding.

Performance Goals and Measures

¹ Illinois Department of Commerce Economic Development Regions.

https://dceo.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/dceo/smallbizassistance/regionspecificassistance/documents/il_ecdevregionmap-06-2024.pdf

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The intended outcome for this grant is for communities and landowners to better understand the development potential of industrial sites in their community and know how to better prepare those properties for future economic development.

Grantees will be required to document and report milestones achieved and submit the following outcomes at the conclusion of the grant:

1. Due diligence studies completed (see definition in *Section H. Other Information*)
2. Coordination with other relevant partners and agencies
3. Document next steps to continue to prepare the site

Other Information

N/A

B. Funding Information

This grant program is utilizing state funds consistent with the purpose of this initiative appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly. Total amount of funding expected to be awarded through this NOFO is \$2,000,000. Awards will range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. The Department expects to make up to 24 awards through this NOFO.

Anticipated start date for awards is January 1, 2025. The period of performance is expected to be January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Regional Site Readiness Program Planning funds may be used for, but not limited to, the following activities:

If the applicant has site control at time of application (see definition of “site control” in *Section H. Other Information*):

- Site concept plans
- Engineering studies – including design and pricing of
 - Utility infrastructure
 - Water infrastructure
 - Transportation infrastructure
- Environmental studies
 - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
 - Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
 - Wetland delineation
 - Archeological surveys
 - Historical properties studies/surveys
 - Floodplain, soils, threatened and endangered species analysis
 - Topographic survey
 - Preliminary geotechnical study
- Permitting

**Please note: applicants that do not own the site may enter into documented partnership agreements with site owner to carry out the above activities. Please see section C.1. Eligible Applicants for more information.*

If applicant does not have site control at time of application:

- Preparation to acquire site/obtain no-cost options
 - If obtaining options, must be for a minimum of 3 years

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- Title analysis
- Surveying
- Legal fees

Grant expenditures must comply with the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) and must be reasonable and necessary and support one of the allowable grant activities set forth in the grant scope of work.

Grants will be awarded on a reimbursement basis.

Pre-award and Grant Proposal Development Costs

All pre-award costs are incurred at the applicant's own risk and will not be funded if an award is not made. To be accepted, proof of services must meet the guidelines and requirements outlined within this NOFO, GATA, and 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principles, and Audit Requirements.

This program requires match from the applicant (see section **C.2 Cost Sharing or Matching**). If approved, allowable **match** costs incurred from (*July 23rd, 2024*) through the period of performance start date are allowed to be charge to the Grant as pre-award costs.

If approved, allowable **grant** costs incurred from the date of a signed Notice of State Award (NOSA) through the period of performance start date are allowed to be charge to the Grant as pre-award costs.

Costs associated with the development of a grant proposal are **not** allowed.

The release of this NOFO does not obligate the Department to make an award.

C. Eligibility Information

An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>, at the time of grant application. The portal will verify that the entity:

- Has a valid FEIN number (<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/international-taxpayers/taxpayer-identification-numbers-tin#:~:text=You%20can%20use%20the%20IRS%27s,for%20Individual%20Taxpayer%20Identification%20Number>);
- Has a current SAM.gov registration (<https://sam.gov>), SAM.gov registrations must be marked as “public” to allow the GATA Grantee Portal to expedite the review of the federal information;
- Has a valid UEI number (<https://sam.gov>);
- Is not on the Federal Excluded Parties List (verified at <https://sam.gov>);
- Is in Good Standing with the Illinois Secretary of State, as applicable (https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/corp.html);
- Is not on the Illinois Stop Payment list (verified once entity is registered in GATA Grantee Portal); and
- Is not on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Provider Sanctions list (<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/oig/Pages/SanctionsList.aspx>).

Entities on the Illinois Stop Payment List and/or the Federal Excluded Parties List at time of application submission will not be considered for an award.

An automated email notification to the entity alerts them of “qualified” status or informs how to remediate a negative verification (e.g., not in good standing with the Secretary of State). A federal Debarred and Suspended status cannot be remediated.

Pursuant to the policy of the Illinois Office of the Comptroller, to receive grant funds from the State of

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Illinois, a grantee must be considered a regarded entity by the IRS for federal income tax purposes. Disregarded entities will not be eligible to receive grant funds.

1. Eligible Applicants include:

- Local governments
- Economic development organizations (see definition in *Section H. Other Information*)
- Nonprofit organizations
- For-profit organizations
- Private landowner

Eligible applicants must propose projects on eligible properties, which include:

- **If applicant currently has site control** (see definition of “site control” in *Section H. Other Information*):
 - Applicant must show clear land title, rights-of way, and easements; and
 - Site must be at least 50 contiguous, developable acres OR if a linear project (i.e.: road, water, sewer, utility infrastructure), planning and due diligence must be to make at least one 50-acre site more readily developable; and
 - Site must be zoned for agricultural or industrial use; and
 - Site must not be currently occupied by an active business; and
 - Applicant must demonstrate they intend to lease or sell the property for future industrial development.
- **If applicant does not have site control at time of application:**
 - The applicant may submit a partnership agreement with a private landowner and for-profit company that does own the land. The documented agreement must be submitted at the time of application and show that the applicant has the authority to conduct due diligence or planning on the site; and
 - Site must be at least 50 contiguous, developable acres; and
 - Site must be zoned for agricultural or industrial use; and
 - Site must not be currently occupied by an active business; and
 - Applicant must demonstrate they intend to lease or sell the property for future industrial development.

If the applicant does not have site control at time of application and plans to acquire the site or secure options on the site as part of this grant, no grant agreement will be finalized and no grant funds will be dispersed until proof of site control is submitted to DCEO. Grantees take on all costs at their own risk and will not be reimbursed for any funds expended until site control documentation is provided.

Applicants may **not** submit the same eligible site to both Planning and Capital Ready NOFOs.

Applicants and project sites that do not meet these criteria are ineligible for this funding opportunity. Additionally, project sites that received funding under the Megasites Development Program or any previous megasites-related NOFOs are not eligible sites for Regional Site Readiness funding.

The Department complies with all applicable provisions of state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to nondiscrimination, sexual harassment and equal employment opportunity including, but not limited to: The Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.), The Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/1 et seq.), The United States Civil Rights Act of 1964 (as amended) (42 USC 2000a-and 2000H-6), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), and The Age Discrimination Act (42 USC 6101 et seq.).

2. Cost Sharing or Matching.

This grant opportunity requires a portion of the project costs to be matched by the grantee, as determined by the grantee type (see table below). These matching funds can come in the form of local municipal funds, federal funds, or private investment. Applicants are required to submit letters or other documentation to verify commitments to meet cost-sharing requirements.

Entity Type	% of Cost Share Required
Local government and Economic Development Organization (EDO)	20%
Non-EDO nonprofit organization	30%
For-profit organization and private landowner	50%

3. Indirect Cost Rate.

In order to charge indirect costs to a grant, the applicant organization must have an annually negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA). There are three types of NICRAs:

a) Federally Negotiated Rate. Organizations that receive direct federal funding, may have an indirect cost rate that was negotiated with the Federal Cognizant Agency. Illinois will accept the federally negotiated rate. The organization must provide a copy of the federally NICRA.

b) State Negotiated Rate. The organization may negotiate an indirect cost rate with the State of Illinois if they do not have a Federally Negotiated Rate. If an organization has not previously established an indirect cost rate, an indirect cost rate proposal must be submitted through State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system no later than three months after receipt of a Notice of State Award (NOSA). If an organization previously established an indirect cost rate, the organization must annually submit a new indirect cost proposal through CARS within six to nine months after the close of the grantee's fiscal year, depending on the grantee's audit type requirements.

c) De Minimis Rate. An organization may elect a de minimis rate of 10% of modified total direct cost (MTDC). Once established, the De Minimis Rate may be used indefinitely. The State of Illinois must verify the calculation of the MTDC annually in order to accept the De Minimis Rate.

All grantees must complete an indirect cost rate negotiation or elect the De Minimis Rate to claim indirect costs. Indirect costs claimed without a negotiated rate or a De Minimis Rate election on record in the State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system may be subject to disallowance.

Grantees have discretion and can elect to waive payment for indirect costs. Grantees that elect to waive payments for indirect costs cannot be reimbursed for indirect costs. The organization must record an election to "Waive Indirect Costs" into the State of Illinois' centralized indirect cost rate system.

The following State University Facilities & Administration Rate and Base will apply to all State issued awards that contain either Federal pass-through funding or State funding.

RATE:

- 20% Rate for awards or programs administered On-Campus*
- 10% Rate for awards or programs administered Off-Campus*

BASE:

Base approved in the State Universities' current Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)

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*Criteria for utilization of the On/Off campus rate is located within the general terms and conditions of Federal NICRA for each State University. If not clearly defined, State awarding agencies and officers will make final determination based upon the purposes of the grant scope.

4. Freedom of Information Act/Confidential Information.

Applications and accompanying materials are subject to disclosure in response to requests received under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.). Information that could be proprietary, privileged, or confidential commercial or financial information should be clearly identified as such in the application materials. The Department will maintain the confidentiality of that information only to the extent permitted by law.

5. Other, if applicable.

Applicants who submit their application by Friday, October 4 will be reviewed by program staff to determine if all required documents have been submitted. Applicants that submit an incomplete application will be notified via email of the missing documentation and will have the opportunity to resubmit a completed application package prior to the NOFO closure date.

Applications received after Friday, October 4 will NOT be reviewed in advance. All applications received after Friday, October 4 will be reviewed upon closure of the NOFO as part of the standard Merit Review Process outlined in **Section E. Application Review Information**. Applications received after Friday, October 4 will not have the opportunity to resubmit.

Please note: An entity must be registered in the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) Grantee Portal, <https://grants.illinois.gov/portal/>, at the time of grant application. It can take multiple weeks to complete the GATA pre-qualification process. If the applicant seeks a technical review of their GATA pre-qualifications, it is the applicant's responsibility to submit with enough time prior to NOFO closure to correct any GATA pre-qualification deficiencies.

Submission of an application confers no right to an award or to a subsequent grant agreement. The Department is not obligated to award any grants under this program, to pay any costs incurred by the applicant in the preparation and submission of an application or pay any grant-related costs incurred prior to the grant beginning date.

Applicants may submit multiple applications for this opportunity.

D. Application and Submission Information

1. Address to Request Application Package.

Grant application forms are available at the web link provided in the "Grant Application Link" field of this announcement or by contacting the Program Manager:

Leslie Barsema
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
1011 S. 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62704
Email: CEO.Sites@illinois.gov

2. Content and Form of Application Submission.

A standard application package must be submitted to and reviewed by DCEO. Each package must contain the following items:

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- Uniform Grant Application in fillable PDF format. Signature page must be printed, signed, scanned and submitted with application.
- Uniform Budget utilizing the template provided by DCEO for this project. The entire budget with all worksheets included even if the worksheets are not relevant to the grant opportunity must be submitted with the application materials. Signature page must be printed, signed, scanned and submitted with application.
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Mandatory Disclosures

This Notice of Funding Opportunity also requires the **submission of the following other programmatic specific items as part of the program application that can be found on the website where you accessed the application document:**

- Program Application, including the following information:
 - Project overview
 - **Project name**
 - **Project summary** – list the planning and due diligence activities and tasks that are being proposed as part of this project’s work plan
 - **Project location** – provide information on the site’s development potential and the ideal target industry for the site in the context of your region’s economic development strengths including transportation network, existing and growing industries, and regional workforce
 - **Project impact** – describe how the planning and due diligence will better prepare the site for future improvements or to sell or lease for future industrial development
 - **Site characteristics**, including
 - Site owner
 - Street address
 - Acreage
 - Zoning
 - Current land use
 - Status of buildings on site
 - **Additional location factors** – indicate if your project is:
 - Identified in a local or regional plan, and include link to the plan
 - Located in an energy transition community (see definition in *Section H. Other Information*)
 - Located in a DCEO designated Underserved Area² (see definition in *Section H. Other Information*)
 - Project information
 - **Budget narrative** with associated work plan – describe how the budget will be used to achieve the planning and due diligence activities proposed in the project summary
 - **Local match** – describe commitment and source of matching funds and attach match documentation
 - **Project timeline** and associated milestones – provide project timeline in months
 - **Project team** – describe the key staff’s relevant experience and their ability to manage comparable grants
 - **Project partners** – list project partners from outside your organization and their role in the project
 - **Existing Due Diligence Documentation** – list any due diligence or studies that have already been completed on the site

² Illinois Underserved Areas. <https://dceo.illinois.gov/expandrelocate/incentives/underservedareas.html>

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- **Environmental factors** – information on any known environmental factors impacting the site including brownfield status; nonattainment status; presence of wetlands; location of floodplain; levee status
- **Site control documentation** – attach any applicable information (see definition of “site control” in *Section H. Other Information*)
- **Map showing existing** – attach map showing roadways on site, utility infrastructure, access to transportation network, easements, or water infrastructure, if feasible
- **Letter(s) of support – attach letters** from local municipality and community stakeholders.

Please use the Program Application PDF to provide the Project Narrative information.

Please note there is a maximum upload of 10 documents in the web form that you submit the application, so combining files may be necessary.

3. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and System for Award Management (SAM).

Each applicant (unless the applicant is an individual or Federal or State awarding agency that is exempt from those requirements under 2 CFR 25.110(b) or (c), or has an exception approved by the Federal or State awarding agency under 2 CFR 25.110(d)) is required to:

- (i) Be registered in SAM. To establish a SAM registration, go to www.SAM.gov and/or utilize this instructional link: www.grants.illinois.gov Resource Links tab. SAM.gov registrations must be “public.”
- (ii) Provide a valid UEI number in the GATA Grantee Portal registration.
- (iii) Continue to maintain an active SAM registration with current information at all times during which it has an active Federal, Federal pass-through or State award or an application or plan under consideration by a Federal or State awarding agency. The Department will not make a Federal pass-through or State award to an applicant until the applicant has complied with all applicable UEI and SAM requirements and, if an applicant has not fully complied with the requirements by the time the Department is ready to make a Federal pass-through or State award, the Department may determine that the applicant is not qualified to receive a Federal pass-through or State award and use that determination as a basis for making a Federal pass-through or State award to another applicant.

4. Submission Dates and Times.

Applications for this opportunity must be submitted by 5:00PM CST on Monday, October 21st, 2024.

Application materials must be submitted to the Department via electronic form at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/e0779ff4bd0e4a5b8bbc5876533b53a2>

The Department is under no obligation to review applications that do not comply with the above requirements. Failure to meet the application deadline may result in the Department returning application without review or may preclude the Department from making the award.

5. Intergovernmental Review, if applicable.

N/A

6. Funding Restrictions.

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This opportunity does allow reimbursement of pre-award costs as described in Section B. Funding Information. Other restrictions can be found in Sections A., B., and C.

7. Other Submission Requirements.

Documents stored in Google Docs or other cloud-based servers are not allowed.

Applicants may confirm receipt of the application and documents by contacting the program contact listed in this NOFO.

E. Application Review Information

1. Criteria.

Grant proposals will be reviewed on a competitive basis. Each proposal will be scored on a 100-point scale. The Department shall consider the following criteria when evaluating the application submittal: Need, Capacity, and Quality.

Need- Identification of stakeholders, facts, and evidence that demonstrate the proposal supports the grant program purpose	
Impact - The applicant demonstrates that the project will better prepare the site for future industrial development	12
Project is identified in a local or regional plan	8
Project is located in an energy transition community (see definition in <i>Section H. Other Information</i>)	5
Project is located in a DCEO designated Underserved Area ³ (see definition in <i>Section H. Other Information</i>)	5
Capacity- The ability of the applicant to execute the project according to requirements of the grant program	
Team experience – key staff demonstrates ability to manage comparable grants	8
Budget and workplan – budget and workplan align and are consistent with NOFO eligible activities	7
Match – matching fund sources and availability are documented	5
Timeline – project timeline is clear and reasonable	5
Quality- The totality of features and characteristics of the project that indicate its ability to satisfy the requirements of the grant program	
Location – information on the site’s development potential, including access to the transportation network, existing infrastructure, regional workforce, alignment with 5-year Economic Plan	10
Project summary – the planning and due diligence activities that are being proposed as part of this project align with the goals and requirements of the NOFO	10
Existing due diligence – level of due diligence currently completed	8
Applicant documents site control at time of application	7
Environmental factors – environmental factors do not raise significant concern for future development	5
Partners – project partners and their roles are listed; letters of support are attached. *For-profit and private landowner applicants: at least one letter of support must come from a local municipality confirming the project aligns with the community’s economic development goals to receive full points in this category.	5

³ Illinois Underserved Areas. <https://dceo.illinois.gov/expandrelocate/incentives/underservedareas.html>

2. Review and Selection Process.

Applicants who submit their application by Friday, October 4 will be reviewed by program staff to determine if all required documents have been submitted. Applicants that submit an incomplete application will be notified via email of the missing documentation and will have the opportunity to resubmit a completed application package prior to the NOFO closure date.

Applications received after Friday, October 4 will NOT be reviewed in advance. All applications received after Friday, October 4 will be reviewed upon closure of the NOFO as part of the standard Merit Review Process outlined in **Section E. Application Review Information**. Applications received after Friday, October 4 will not have the opportunity to resubmit.

Applications will be graded using the Merit Review Process and scored on the criteria specified in Section E.1. The Department will designate an Evaluation Committee to grade each application received for this funding opportunity. The final score of each Committee member will be calculated and an average of all scores will be the final applicant score. Grants will be awarded according to the following process: All applications will be sorted by their Economic Development Region. The highest scoring applications in each Economic Development Region that meet the NOFO requirements will be prioritized for funding. Where the concentration of program-eligible participants justifies it, DCEO reserves the right to award grants to multiple applicants in a given area.

The Merit Based Review process is subject to appeal. However, competitive grant appeals are limited to the evaluation process. Evaluation scores may not be protested. Only the evaluation process is subject to appeal. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Department within 14 calendar days after the date that the grant award notice has been published. The written appeal shall include the name and address of the appealing party, the identification of the grant and a statement of reasons for the appeal. To file an appeal, applicants must submit the appeal in writing and in accordance with the Merit-Based Application Review Appeals Process listed on the Grant Opportunities page of the DCEO website:
<https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities/meritappeal.html>.

3. Anticipated Announcement and State Award Dates, if applicable.

After the application period is closed, the Department will conduct a merit based review of eligible applications. Successful applicants will receive a Notice of State Award (NOSA) to initiate the grant agreement phase. During this phase, you will be contacted by a grant manager to develop a grant agreement, which can be a months long process depending on complexity, cooperation, and conformity with all applicable federal and state laws.

The Department reserves the right to issue a reduced award, or not to issue any award.

F. Award Administration Information

1. State Award Notices.

The Notice of State Award (NOSA) will specify the funding terms and specific conditions resulting from the pre-award risk assessments and the merit-based review process. The NOSA must be accepted in the GATA Portal by an authorized representative of the grantee organization. The NOSA is not an authorization to begin performance or incur costs.

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements.

Subrecipients and Subcontractors: Agreement(s) and budget(s) with subrecipients and subcontractors must be pre-approved by and on file with DCEO. Agreements can be submitted

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to DCEO when available. Subcontractors and subrecipients are subject to all applicable provisions of the Agreement(s) executed between DCEO and the grantee. The successful applicant shall retain sole responsibility for the performance of its subrecipient(s) and/or subcontractor(s).

Grant Uniform Requirements: The Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (30 ILCS 708/1 *et seq.*) (and its related administrative rules, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000), was enacted to increase the accountability and transparency in the use of grant funds from whatever source and to reduce administrative burdens on both State agencies and grantees by adopting federal guidance and regulations applicable to those grant funds; specifically, the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR 200).

Procurement: Grantees will be required to adhere to methods of procurement per the Procurement Standards (2 CFR 200.317 – 2 CFR 200.327).

3. Reporting.

Periodic Performance Report (PPR) and Periodic Financial Report (PFR)

Grantees funded through this NOFO are required to submit in the format required by the Grantor, at least on a quarterly basis, the PPR and PFR electronically to their assigned grant manager. The first of such reports shall cover the first three months after the award begins. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.328, Periodic Financial Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.329, Periodic Performance Reports shall be submitted no later than 30 calendar days following the period covered by the report. Any additional reporting requirements will be disclosed in the NOSA. Grantees are required within 45 calendar days following the end of the period of performance to submit a final closeout report in the format required by the Grantor (See 2 CFR 200.344).

Monitoring

Grantees funded through this NOFO are subject to fiscal and programmatic monitoring visits by the Department in accordance with 2 CFR 200.337. They must have an open-door policy allowing periodic visits by Department monitors to evaluate the progress of the project and provide documentation upon request of the monitor. Program staff will also maintain contact with participants and monitor progress and performance of the contracts. The Department may modify grants based on performance.

Audit

Grantees shall be subject to Illinois' statewide Audit Report Review requirements. Terms of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 USC 7501-7507), Subpart F of 2 CFR Part 200, and the audit rules set forth under the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act shall apply (See 30 ILCS 708/65(c)).

G. State Awarding Agency Contact(s)

Grant Help Desk
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
Email: CEO.GrantHelp@illinois.gov

H. Other Information, if applicable

Definitions: For the purposes of this NOFO, please see key terms defined below:

Due diligence studies are defined as any study, analysis, survey, or report completed with funding from the Site Readiness Program to assess a site to determine the feasibility of future development and the

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limitations and opportunities of a particular site. This includes, but is not limited to the activities listed below in section *B. Funding Information*.

Site Control is demonstrated by submitting documentation that proves the applicant either 1) owns the site (land title, rights-of-way, permanent easement), 2) has an agreement to acquire the site, 3) has the site under option for a minimum of three years, or 4) has documentation from the landowner demonstrating the applicant’s authority to make site improvements. DCEO will review all site control documentation to establish sufficient site control for the purposes of this program.

Underserved Area is defined as a census tract which meets one of the following four tests: 1) Poverty rate of at least 20%; or 35% or more of the families with children in the area are living below 130% of the poverty line, according to the latest American Community Survey; or At least 20% of the households in the area receive assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); or Average unemployment rate that is more than 120% of the national unemployment average, for a period of at least two (2) consecutive calendar years preceding the date of the application. A map of Illinois Underserved Areas can be found here: <https://dceo.illinois.gov/expandrelocate/incentives/underservedareas.html>

Economic Development Organization is defined as an organization whose primary purpose is to support the economic development of a community or region. To demonstrate this eligibility status, DCEO will review the applicant’s articles of incorporations, charter, resolutions, bylaws, and/or other documents that may be relevant to establish the primary purpose of the organization.

Energy Transition Community is defined as a host city or county of a plant/mine that has closed or significantly reduced operations in the past 6-years, or has announced a closure or significant reduction in the next 6 years.

Name of Plant/Mine	Host City or County
Red Hawk Mine	Jackson County
Coffeen Power Plant	Montgomery County
Duck Creek Power Plant	Fulton County
Havana Power Plant	Mason County
Hennepin Power Plant	Hennepin
Blackhawk Mine	Randolph County
Cottage Grove Mine	Saline County
Mine Wildcat Hills U/G Mine	Saline County
Shay #1 Mine	Macoupin County
Eagle River #1 Mine	Saline County
E.D. Edwards Power Plant	Peoria County
Joppa Steam Plant	Massac County
Waukegan Power Plant	Waukegan
Will County Power Plant	Romeoville
Midwest Electric Power Inc	Massac County
Joliet Generating Power Plant	Will County
SIPC – Lake of Egypt	Williamson County
Viper Mine	Logan County
City Water, Light & Power	Springfield

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Baldwin Generating Center	Randolph County
Kincaid Generation	Christian County
Newton Power Plant	Jasper County
Powerton Station	Tazewell County
Russellville Mine	Crawford County