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Ms. Hinman:

Thank you for the opportunity to suggest questions to be addressed in workshops on the Section 16-111.5B energy efficiency programs. Elevate Energy provides energy efficiency services to hard-to-reach markets including affordable multifamily rental housing, small (2-4 unit) multifamily rental housing, and nonprofit buildings such as day care centers and houses of worship. We also administer an energy efficiency program serving residential housing with electric heat in the City of Chicago under Section 16-111.5B (IPA procurement) and, consequently, have direct experience with the RFP process to be discussed in workshops. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the following issues in workshops:

Oversight and Evaluation Responsibility

1. Who will assume responsibility for the evaluation and successful delivery of Section 16-111.5B programs?
2. Will the evaluation of Section 16-111.5B programs parallel the evaluation of similar programs under the Section 8-103 (EEPS) portfolio and, if there are consistent differences, what will those differences be?
3. Will the evaluation of Section 16-111.5B programs use the Technical Reference Manual, and if so, will it be used in the same manner that it is used to evaluation programs under Section 8-103?

RFP Process

1. Are there process changes that would make the TRC calculation process more transparent for bidders without slowing the RFP process?
2. Are there process changes that could help catch inadvertent errors in the TRC calculations quickly?

Sincerely,

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