

General Utility Statements for SAG Idea Process

1. The utilities oppose adding Program Administrative activities and costs with no clear benefit.
2. The utilities' Supply Groups have developed policies to increase Diverse Supplier spend.
 - Consistent with prudent purchasing practices (competitive RFP's etc.) and Illinois legislation
 - These policies were based on stakeholder input
 - Diverse suppliers must be *certified*

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- 3. Many of the utilities' existing programs are intended to be comprehensive and it is an on-going effort to monitor and improve program comprehensiveness.**
- 4. The utilities believe the stakeholders should be limited to an advisory role consistent with original intent and the Policy Manual**
- 5. The utilities feel that the future SAG idea process should limit commercial proposals that are a better fit for other utility competitive bidding processes.**