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Instructions for Determining Priority 2: Government Ownership

To achieve Priority 2 (35 ILCS 31/20(a)(2)) for application Round 1, 2026, applicants must submit documentation that proves the structure was previously owned by a federal, state, or local governmental entity for no less than six months as of the applicant's Part S-3 submittal. A combination of items may be submitted and might include:

- Property deeds or other property ownership documents from the county recorder's office
- Historic or current records, such as newspaper articles, that establish government ownership and period
- Published building histories or vetted research documents, such as National Register of Historic Places nominations, stating ownership and duration
- Photographs of the building cornerstone, dedication plaque, or original sign identifying the building as a government-built structure (e.g., Greenville Public Library)
- Copy of original architectural drawings with title blocks that establish governmental commissioning

The acceptable documentation may vary, depending on the building. Some buildings may need a chain of title because no other documentation proving government ownership is available. For others, such as a historic post office building, acceptable documentation can consist of a cornerstone photo (establishing the building as government-built and the start of the ownership, i.e. the construction date) and a copy of the newspaper article reporting the sale of the post office to a non-government entity.