
AMERICAN SOLAR TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE (ASTI) MUNICIPAL AGENCY PARTICIPATION FORM

ASTI Description: The American Solar Transformation Initiative (ASTI) represents a national team of public and private partners committed to advancing solar power adoption by homeowners and businesses across participating municipalities in the United States. ASTI builds upon the success of the Southwest Solar Transformation Initiative and is part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Rooftop Solar Challenge and has received funding to help “streamline and standardize permitting, zoning, financing and interconnection processes – in order to drive down total installed costs for residential and commercial rooftop solar systems.” During the first phase (18 months), ASTI efforts will focus on implementing an innovative, customizable platform for local solar market transformation, providing a centralized online technical resource center, and engaging with participating agency staff to tailor and implement solar-friendly policies and programs to support economic growth through solar power.

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ASTI Partners:

Currently over 100 municipalities in 11 states plus:

7 Regional Councils of Governments

4 Regional Sustainability Organizations

2 State Energy Offices

15 Utility companies

Additional support, resources and guidance provided by:

Strategic Energy Innovations, IREC, SolarTech, RMI, WRI, EPA, DOE, USPVMC, and regional solar industry associations

ASTI Municipal Partner Goals and Benefits: ASTI brings together a diverse group of key stakeholders to pursue approaches for accelerating local and regional solar adoption for common economic and environmental benefit. ASTI is an opt-in program that provides participating agencies with a market-leading package of technical assistance services within a successful collaboration model.

Key Benefits:

- Identify all major market transformation hurdles in the targeted program areas.
- Quantify and document the solar potential across residential and commercial rooftops in each agency’s jurisdiction in terms of economic activity, jobs and environmental benefits.
- Customized Solar Roadmap - a market-leading platform to determine applicable solar best practices for local implementation and tracking progress toward regional and national goals.
- Receive technical assistance to integrate solar-friendly codes and standards that will dramatically improve and simplify permitting and interconnection processes, time and costs.
- Peer interaction opportunities to learn from similar organizations and be recognized for your efforts.
- Guidance on applicable solar project financial and economic models for residential and commercial property owners.

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- Opportunities to drive community and industry engagement on solar and related clean energy through education and adoption campaigns.
 - Early access to new DOE-funded efforts including residential aggregation and financing online tools and many others projects to reduce costs and increase market activity.

Municipal Agency Participant Expectations and Commitments

Participating agencies will directly engage in Phase 1 of ASTI by:

- Convening and attending local and regional meetings of participants and key stakeholders
- Providing access to regulations and staff regarding permitting, interconnection and zoning
- Providing potential solar project site information and access to facilities staff
- Providing input and feedback to the project analysis, documents and recommendations
- Supporting the effort and encouraging further participation by key stakeholders
- Attending regional training classes and online seminars educating participants on current best practices
- Adopting identified best practices where appropriate for each agency
- Documenting staff time spent on this initiative for reporting to the DOE
- Publicizing project progress and milestones as appropriate

Signatures

Our agency understands the goals of ASTI and we support this effort for our jurisdiction and region and will participate in this project through March 2015.

[Signature]

[Printed Name]

[Title]

[Department], [City/County]

[Date]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement to be effective on the date executed by COUNTY.

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JANET WOLF, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dated: _____

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONTRACTOR:
OPTONY, INC. BENJAMIN FOSTER
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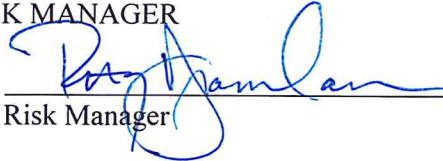
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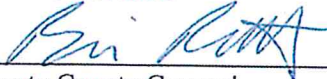
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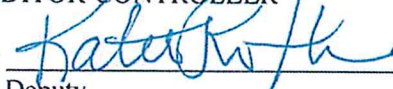
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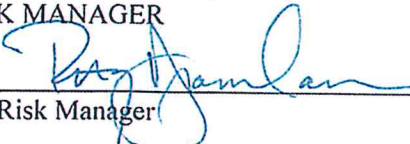
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