

Solar America Initiative



2008 Funding Opportunities from the U.S. Department of Energy

In 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Program anticipates issuing a number of Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) under the Solar America Initiative.

Solar America Cities—Building on the success of the recent Solar America Cities FOA (DE-PS36-07G097007), the Solar Energy Technologies Program is planning to issue a similar FOA to allow more cities to participate. The total funding available under this planned announcement will be determined by appropriations. The Solar America Initiative will select 8 to 12 cities for awards. Solar America Cities are recognized as partners highly committed to solar technology adoption at the local level. For more information about previous Solar America Cities awards, visit: www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/solar_america_cities_awards.html.

Solar America Showcases—The recent Solar America Showcases Notice of Technical Assistance (NOTA) was well received and the Solar Energy Technologies Program is planning to release a similar NOTA in 2008. To receive technical assistance for a Solar America Showcase, the project must be a large-scale (in excess of 100 kW), replicable solar installation project that features

- a novel solar technology
- a novel application for a solar technology, and/or
- high visibility.

Visit www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america_showcases.html for more information.

Education, Training, and Certification—The Solar Energy Technologies Program is also anticipating conducting relevant national activities this year for education, training and certification, the details of which will be released at a later date.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit the Funding Opportunities section of the Solar America Initiative Web site at www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america.





SAI Across America



About the Solar America Initiative

The Market Transformation activities are part of the efforts of the Solar America Initiative (SAI). SAI was launched in 2006 by President Bush to accelerate the development of advanced solar technologies, including photovoltaics and concentrating solar power systems, with the goal of making them cost-competitive with conventional forms of electricity, e.g., coal and natural gas.

The Market Transformation focus of SAI addresses marketplace barriers and offers solar technologies the opportunity for market expansion. The other areas of SAI deal with research and development of solar technology including novel devices and processes, prototype PV components, and collaborative research and development activities among industry, university, and DOE's national laboratories.

Resources

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: www.eere.energy.gov/

Solar America Initiative: www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america

EERE Solar Program: www.eere.energy.gov/solar/photovoltaics.html

Database of State & Local Incentives for Renewable Energy: www.DSIREUSA.org

EERE State Activities & Partnerships: www.eere.energy.gov/states

NREL Solar Energy Basics: www.nrel.gov/learning/re_solar.html

American Solar Energy Society (ASES): www.ases.org

Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC): www.irecusa.org/

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC): www.usgbc.org

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