

# Solar America Showcases

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## Apply for FREE Technical Assistance for Large-Scale Solar Projects from the U.S. Department of Energy

As part of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Solar America Initiative, DOE will provide free technical assistance to large-scale, high-visibility solar installations that have the ability to accelerate demand for solar technologies. Technologies may include photovoltaic, concentrating solar power, and solar water/air heating.

### What:

Under the Solar America Showcases Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance, DOE will provide technical assistance to as many as 10 selected solar projects. Ideal projects will include one or more of the following characteristics:

- Large size
- Novel solar technology
- Novel application
- High visibility
- Replicable

Types of available assistance include:

- **Solar technology**—Including technology selection, user training, and monitoring
- **Marketing/finance**—Including analysis of financing options, insurance expertise, and market analysis
- **Architecture/structure**—Including building code review, architecture, and structural analysis.

### Who:

All organizations except Federal agencies are eligible to request technical assistance under this Notice. See the Notice for details. DOE encourages applications by teams of relevant stakeholders.

### Where:

The solar installations for which assistance is given must be located in the United States.



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### When:

The deadline for responding to the Notice is November 4, 2008.

### How:

To download the full Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance, visit [www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america/open\\_upcoming\\_fund\\_opps.html](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america/open_upcoming_fund_opps.html)

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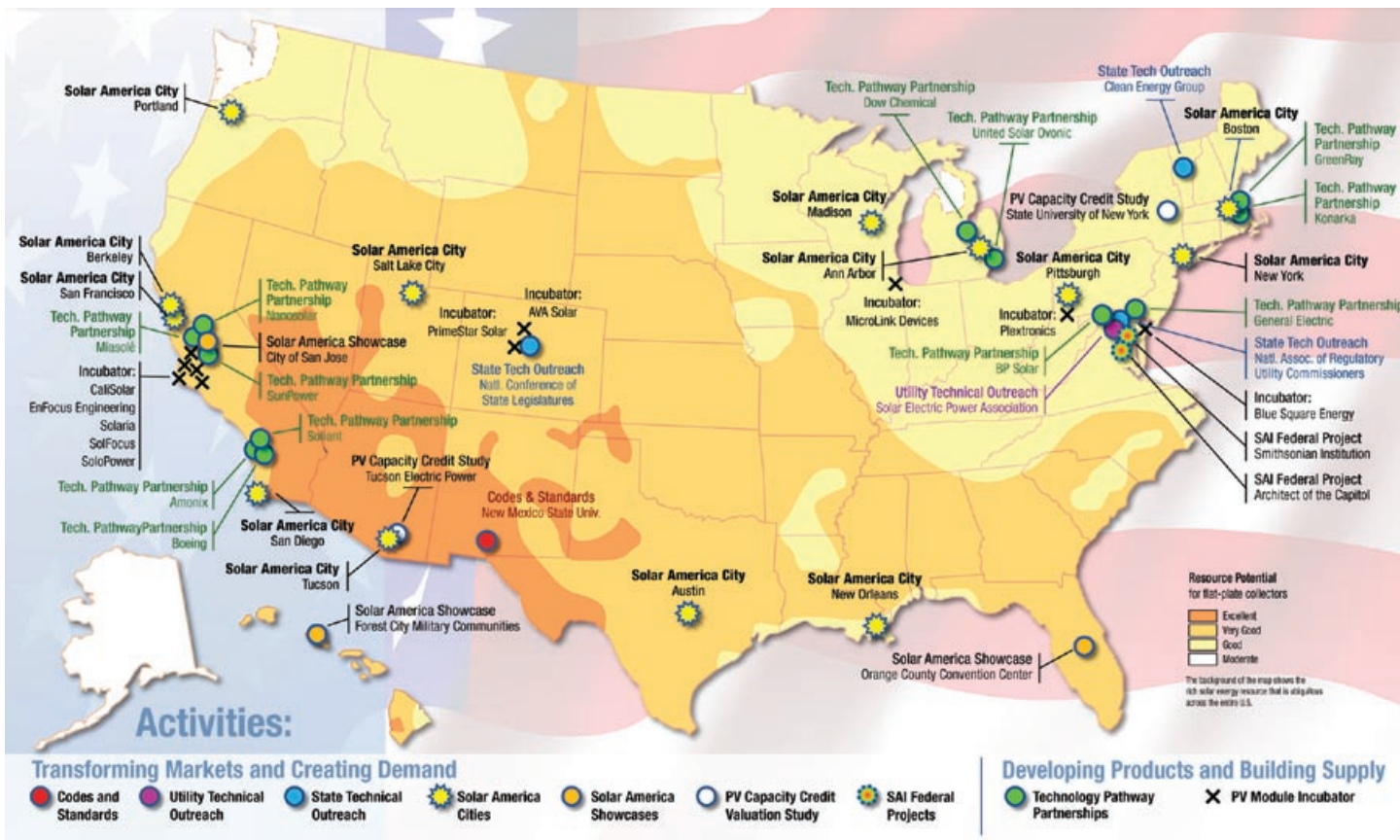
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# SAI Across America



## About the Solar America Initiative

The Solar America Cities awards are part of the Market Transformation efforts of the Solar America Initiative (SAI). President Bush launched SAI in 2006 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 innovative 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/](http://www.eere.energy.gov/)
- Solar America Initiative: [www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar\\_america](http://www.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america)
- EERE Solar Program: <http://solar.energy.gov>
- Database of State & Local Incentives for Renewable Energy: [www.DSIREUSA.org](http://www.DSIREUSA.org)
- EERE State Activities & Partnerships: [www.eere.energy.gov/states](http://www.eere.energy.gov/states)
- NREL Solar Energy Basics: [www.nrel.gov/learning/re\\_solar.html](http://www.nrel.gov/learning/re_solar.html)
- American Solar Energy Society (ASES): [www.ases.org](http://www.ases.org)
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC): [www.irecusa.org/](http://www.irecusa.org/)
- U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC): [www.usgbc.org](http://www.usgbc.org)

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