

# Financing Renewable Energy in Multifamily Housing

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Elaine Ulrich, Solar Energy Technology Program, DOE





# Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority

Renewable Energy on Multifamily Housing

Better Buildings Summit May 9, 2013

## **Connecticut Green Bank**

# Clean Energy Defined by Public Act 11-80























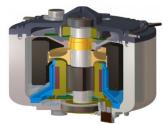








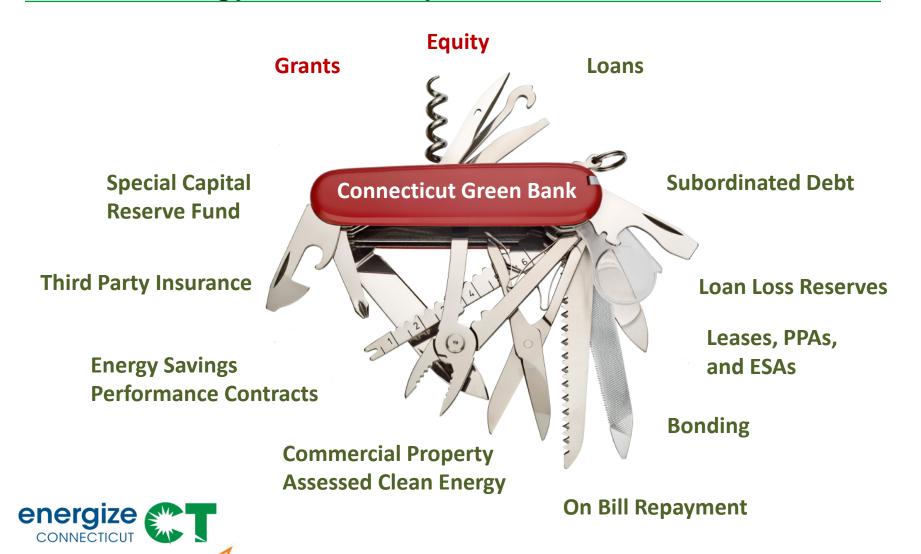






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# The Energy Opportunity

- Significant Opportunity potential annual energy cost savings on the order of \$125,000,000 per year
  - 250,000 multifamily units in buildings with > 4 units (approx. 18% of CT's total housing units)
  - Potential to save \$500+ in utility costs per unit each year, conservatively
  - Buildings concentrated in CT's ring cities near gas lines



## The Challenges

Fuel Poverty Imperative –
low-income households owe much
more in utility bills than they can
afford



#### Challenges

- Capital to plan and finance
- Securing lender consent
- Split incentives
- Health and safety issues
- No performance data
- Confusion negotiating the improvement process



# CEFIA's Approach

- Leverage CT's strengths, address gaps, seed and grow the market, support private financing to move in and take over
- Bring in national leaders with a demonstrated track record to help build the market and "crack the MFH nut"
- Partner with and source projects through key channels







#### Initiatives to Build the Market









# Renewables for a Multifamily Portfolio

Three Legs of the Stool



#### **CHFA Partnership**





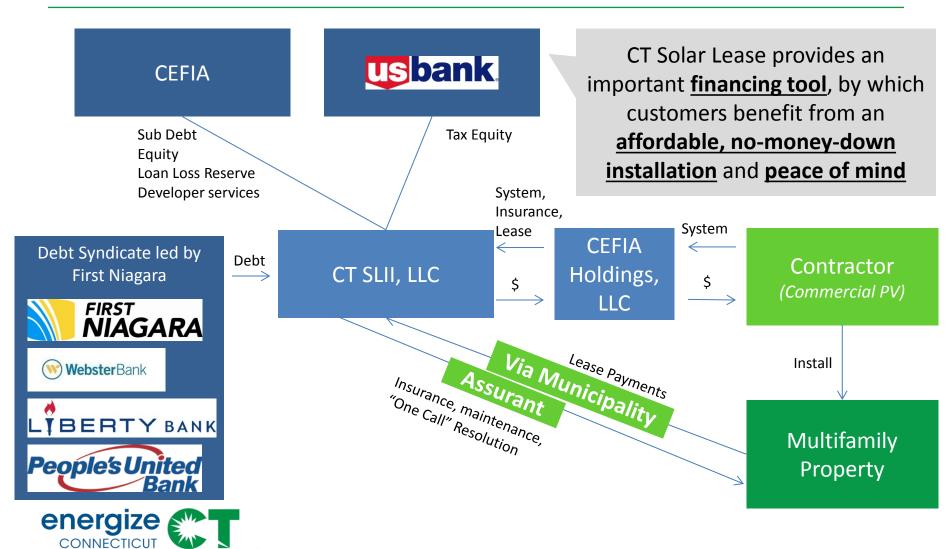


#### **CT Solar Lease**





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#### The Breakdown

- Solar lease facility combining tax equity and leveraged bank debt
  - \$60 million fund overall
- The first solar lease facility for
  - Residential solar PV (~11MWs, 1,600 systems)
  - Residential solar hot water (~400 systems)
  - Commercial solar PV (~3MWs / 30-50 systems / 50-350kw / needs ZREC / C-PACE)
- Expected life two years (if successful ... more to come)



#### **CT Solar Lease**

# **Qualifying Host Customers**

- Municipalities and schools
  - Must be rated A3 (Moody's) or A- (S&P/Fitch)
- Commercial properties
  - Must be rated Aa2 (Moody's) or AA (SP/Fitch)
  - OR use C-PACE to secure the investment



# **Commercial Property Assessed**

# Clean Energy (C-PACE)

 An innovative financing structure that enables commercial, industrial, and multi-family property owners to access financing for qualified energy upgrades and repay through a benefit assessment on their property tax

Private capital provides 100% upfront, low-cost, long-term funding

Repayment through property taxes

A senior C-PACE lien is put on the property and stays regardless of ownership



#### **C-PACE**

# Advantage for Owners

Near term plan to sell?

Lack of funding?

Cannot assume more debt?

Insufficient payback/ROI?

Split incentives?

Uncertain savings/technical expertise?

Tax obligation fixed to property

100% upfront, 20 year financing

Assessments may qualify as OPEX

Positive cash flow in year 1

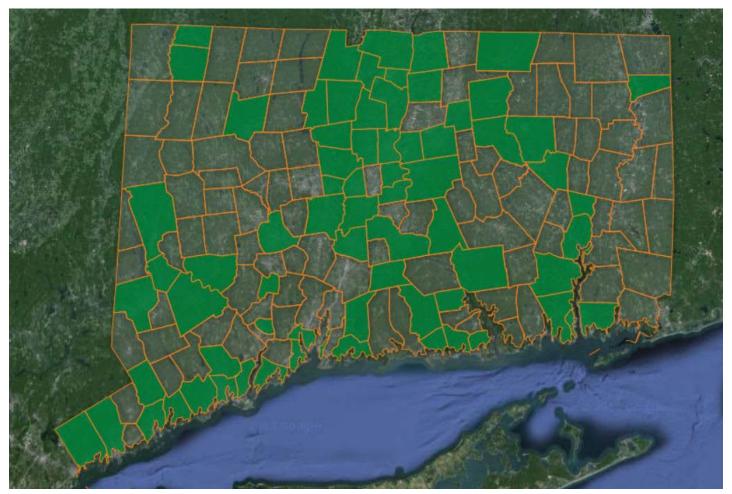
**Assessment/savings pass to tenants** 

**Technical underwriting / SIR>1** 



# **C-PACE**

# 80 Municipalities Signed Up





#### **C-PACE** Website

# Owners / Contractors / Municipalities



Whether you are a building owner, a municipality, a contractor, project developer, or an investor, you can get started on C-PACE now. It's easy.



#### **C-PACE**

# Eligible for CHFA Properties



#### MEMORANDUM

FROM: Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

TO: Connecticut Housing Finance Authority

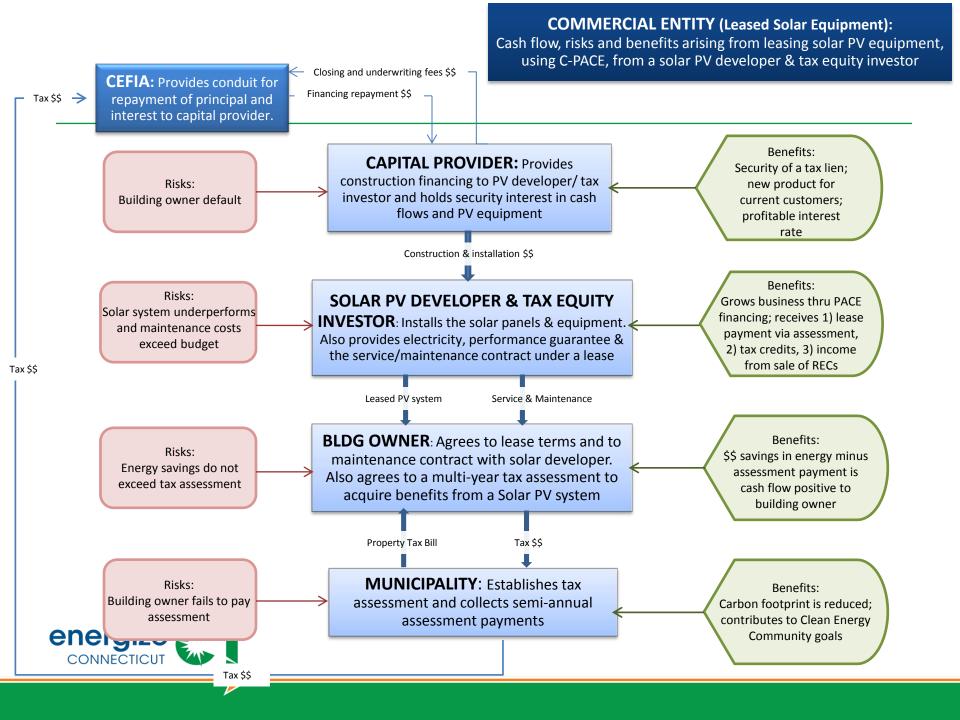
DATED: May 7, 2013

RE: C-PACE

You have advised us that it has been proposed that the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (the "Authority") take certain actions with respect to the Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy program enacted into law in Connecticut in 2012 (known as "C-PACE"). C-PACE entails the extension of financing to owners of multi-family housing properties (as well as commercial and industrial properties, not the subject of this Memorandum) to enable them to install energy upgrades to the property. Repayment of the financing is accomplished with a benefit assessment imposed by the related municipality against the property. As with other municipal assessments, any assessments in arrears have a lien status senior to mortgages upon the sale of the property. The C-PACE legislation, among other requirements, includes the requirement that the property owner receive the consent of the current mortgage holder(s). It is proposed that the Authority, upon request, formally consent to the imposition of such a lien with respect to multi-family properties to which it has previously extended mortgage financing.

You asked that we, as your bond counsel, review any contractual and statutory limitations, if any, on the Authority's giving such consents. The Authority is statutorily governed by Chapter 134 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended (the "Act"). The Act provides that mortgage lending by the Authority may include loans secured by liens that are in a first lien position, second lien position or, in certain cases, not secured by liens that are property at all. The Act does not preclude or address the imposition of municipal liens that would take priority over the lien of an Authority-financed mortgage or the Authority's giving consent thereto. The Authority's General Housing Mortgage Finance Program Bond Resolution adopted September 27, 1972, as amended and supplemented (the "General Resolution"), which is the contractual obligation securing the bonded indebtedness of the Authority incurred for multi-family housing loans, requires that such indebtedness be incurred for the origination of mortgages that constitute a first lien on real estate in fee simple or on a leasehold. Nothing in the General Resolution precludes or addresses the imposition of municipal liens on such properties that would take priority over the lien of mortgages originated under the General Resolution or the Authority's giving consent thereto.









# **Thank You!**

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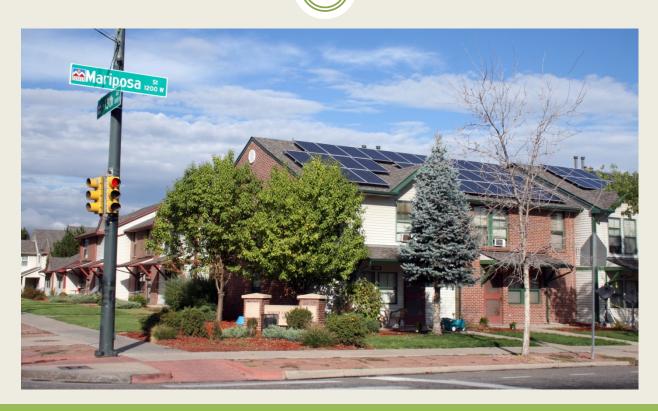
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# Power Purchase Agreements for Multi-Family Housing

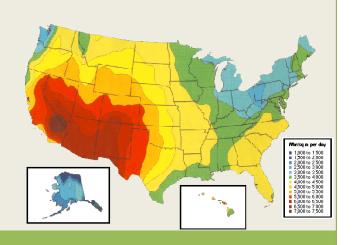
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# Why a PPA for DHA?

- Continual expansion of DHA's renewable energy portfolio
- Long-term predictable energy costs for DHA
- Supports HUD's interest in sustainability
- Payments from site license agreement
- Minimal upfront costs
- Availability of sunlight



# Power Purchase Agreement Overview

#### **Project Facts**

- 2.5 Megawatts
- 666 roof tops
- 10,471 panels
- Single family & row homes
- CO2 reduction of 3,500 tons
- Generates 3.4 million
   kilowatt hours annually

#### **Project Partners**



Site Host



**Project Developer** 



Financer & Owner



Designer & Installer

# **Phase 1: Request for Proposals**

"The Housing Authority of the City and County of Denver invites responses from qualified entities to provide cost effective solar photovoltaic generating systems at multiple DHA sites by providing all design, construction, operation, application and financing services necessary to the successful installation and operation of said systems."



# Phase 2: Project Design

- Minimum of 2.5 Megawatts
- Housing portfolio of over 4,000 homes
- East and South facing roofs only
- Average system size is 4.7 KWs
- Estimated effective useful life of roofs
- Considered DHA's long range demolition and rehab plans

# Phase 3: Project Financing

- Third party owns and operates panels on DHA's buildings and sells DHA electricity at a discount
- \$10 million investment (Non DHA Money)
- No (or minimal) upfront costs to DHA
- DHA receives payment of site license agreement (roof Lease)
- 20 year contract
- Option to purchase panels at 75% discount in 6 years

# **Phase 4: Construction**

- New roofs
- 11 month schedule
- Namaste Solar
- 9 crews
- 2 days per installation





# Phase 5: Operations & Maintenance

**Impact on DHA operations** 

Maintenance staff training

**Resident education** 



Tree maintenance



# **PV Install at North Lincoln Homes**

114 Homes \* 357 KW



# **Questions?**

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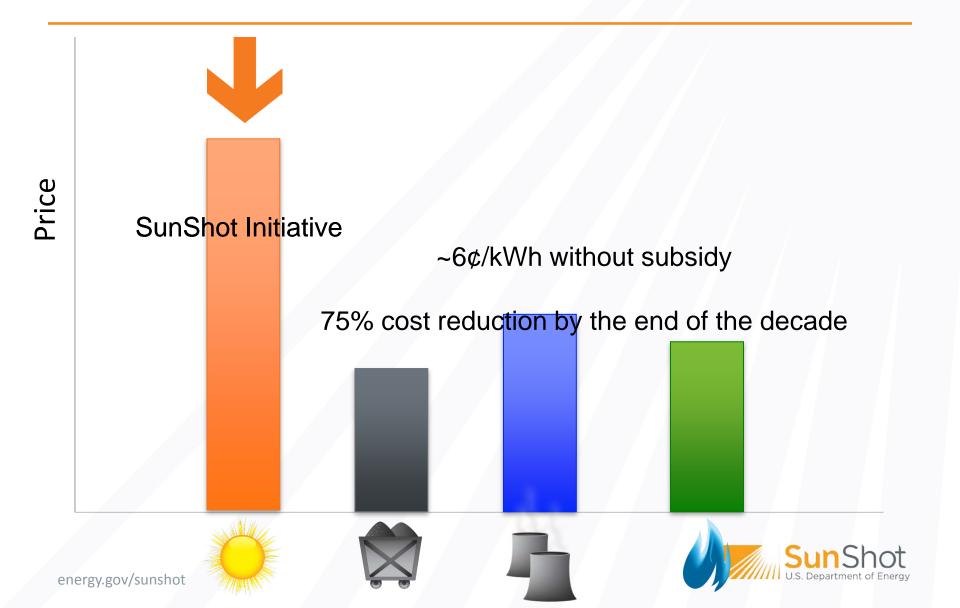




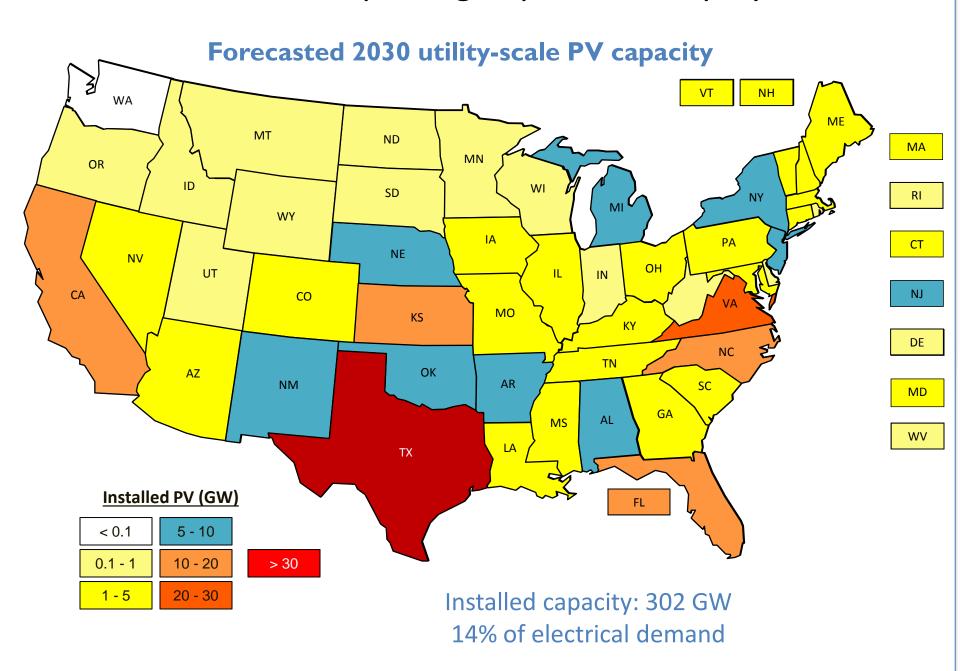
# The SunShot Initiative

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# So what is SunShot Targeting?



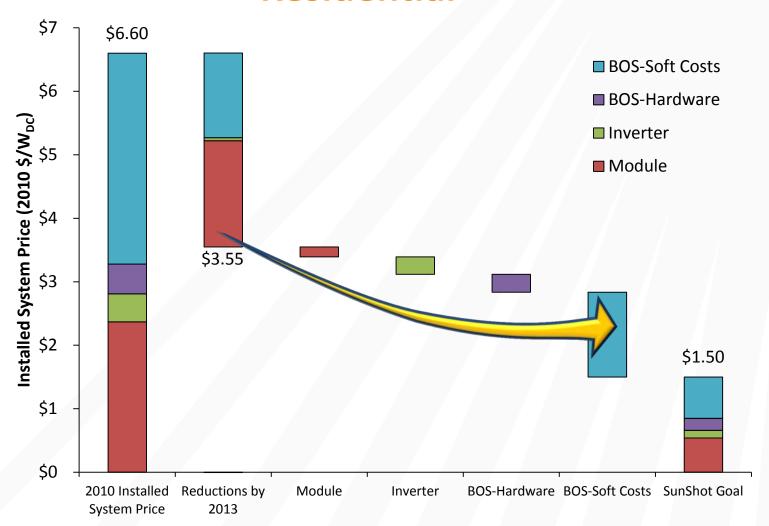
## SunShot Vision: Spurring Rapid Solar Deployment



# SunShot Strategy



# PV System Pathway to SunShot Residential





# Soft Costs Dominating Overall Costs



Up to 50% 64% of the cost of a solar installation

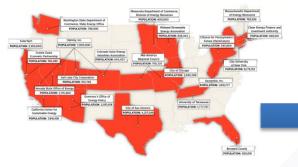
# Solar Soft Cost Analysis

#### **Solar Soft Cost Roadmap** Summary Soft Cost Roadmap, Enabled Reduction from 2010 Baseline (\$.20/W) Solution Set **CROs** Solution Set Cost-Reduction Opportunity (CRO) (High Level) Category 2020 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Uniform permitting & inspection requirements Standardization \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.02 \$0.02 \$0.02 across jurisdictions (excludes interconnection) On bill < \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.02 Mobile Transparency Online database of requirements by jurisdiction < \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.01 design Customer Online Permitting Online permit application submittal < \$0.01 < \$0.01 < \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.01 50.01 Remote Acquisition Lower Permitting Market-wide average fee reduction from \$430 to Roadmap \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.01 \$0.01 Fees Interconnection best practices (e.g., rapid < \$0.01 < \$0.01 < \$0.01 application process, defined process for systems > Database **Best Practices** PII Residential PV System Prices Have Often SunShot \$0.02 Been Higher in the U.S. Than in Germany \$0.05 Median Installed Price of Customer-Owned PV Systems ≤10 kW\* Installation Labor 12 —US system prices German system prices \$2011/W \*\*\* \* module factory-gate prices CA NJ × AZ 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 U.S. System Prices are derived from LBNL's TTS dataset and are equal to the median of customer-owned systems ≤10kW installed in each year. German System Prices are the averages of individual price quotes in EuPD's dataset (2008-2011) or the average of prices reported by IEA, Photon, KfW, and Schaeffer (2001-2007). Module Factory-Gate Prices are the average of prices reported by IEA, GTM, IRENA, Navigant, and Photon (annual currency exchange rates were used for module prices estimates) \* Note: Focusing on systems <10kW serves as a proxy for the residential market, as the project-level installed price data for German systems used for this figure do not include host customer type

# Slashing Red Tape and Driving Local Innovation



# ROUND 1 (2012-2013)



22 Awards ~50M Americans 19 States + Puerto Rico \$12M

#### **Performance-based**

Local-level innovation
Teams quantitatively tracked and scored via market maturity scorecard

#### **Year-end results:**

Fees reduced
Online permitting spreading
Statewide standards emerging
Innovative digital solutions unveiled

## ROUND 2 (2013-2015)



8 Awards ~150M Americans 27 States + DC \$12M



## **Local Results, National Impact**



## PV Installed in RSC locales:

Residential: 225 MW

Commercial: 357 MW

38K Residential Systems

3K Commercial Systems

Average Business Days Saved Per Install = 5.1

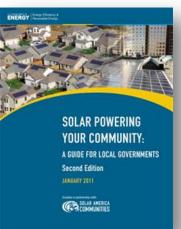
Average Business Days Saved Per Install = 4.1

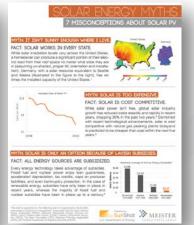
# OVER 10 LIFETIMES SAVED

# Access the latest resources, a calendar of events, and information on technical assistance at:

www.solaroutreach.org









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SolarOPs has reached over 4,000 individuals, in all 50 states, representing more than 1,200 local governments through partnership workshops, e-learning activities, and technical assistance





# NREL: Advanced Financing Mechanisms & In-depth Technical Assistance





Expand availability of capital

- Facilitate capital market investment and retail (community) bank lending
- Solar Access to Public Capital (SAPC):
  - Standard Documents
  - Mock Ratings Filing
  - 150 Members and Growing

Lower cost of capital

 Open Solar Performance and Reliability Clearinghouse (oSPARC database)

Reduce transaction cost, time to access capital

Analysis of opportunities and barriers

#### **Project Status: In-depth and Quick Response TA**

#### 19 PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN 16 LOCALITIES



- Community Solar
  - Harmonizing Codes
  - Solar Valuation
  - State Permitting Guide
  - Solar Development for Public Power Utilities
- Consumer Protections
- Virtual Net Metering
- In-State PV Benefits
- Solar in Climate Plan
- Net Metering Caps
- Solar Financing
- Metering Accuracy
- RFP/Project Assistance

Last FY13 Application Round Closed in June 2013

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# **Shared and Community Solar**

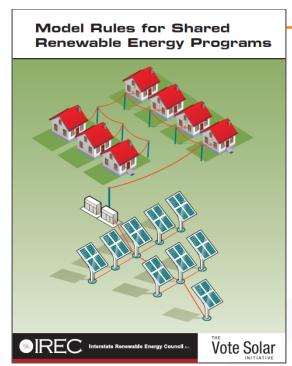


## Shared and community solar models can:

- Remove the siting requirement
- Expand the market for solar
- Take advantage of economies of scale
- Provide opportunities for innovation

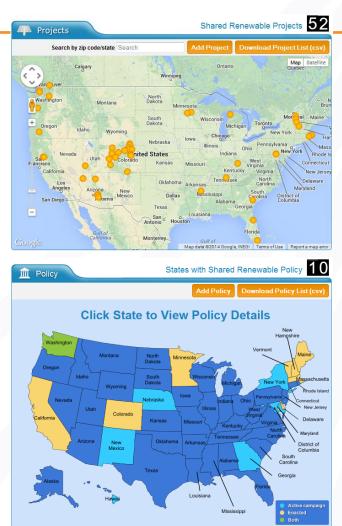


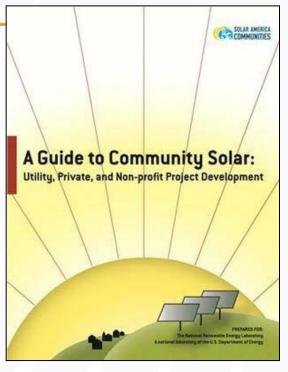
## Resources



Interstate Renewable Energy Council

http://www.irecusa.org





# SunShot Initiative Solar Energy Resource Center

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/sunshot/resources.html

Shared Renewables HQ www.sharedrenewables.org







## **Solar Technology Diffusion Research**

Under the SEEDS program, DOE supports projects that advance and apply cutting-edge strategies for accelerating solar adoption.









Foundational Scientific Advances

racing social
networks that
spread solar

evolution of **motivations** 

beyond early adopters

agent-based modeling of innovation diffusion

micro-level
data and analysis
of energy
consumers

Real-world Market Applications

Research and **Market**Partners

spreading
community
solar through CT

Yale, NYU, SmartPower,
CT Clean Energy Finance and
Investment Authority

four **pilot experiments** in CA, AZ, NY & NJ

Portland State U, U of A, LBNL, CU-Boulder, MichState , UMich, Social and Environmental Research Inst.,

**Clean Power Finance** 

testing economic +
social
incentives
in San Diego

UPenn-Wharton, Vanderbilt, NREL, **California Center for Sustainable Energy**  new **incentive structures** piloted with TX

Austin Energy, Frontier Associates

utilities

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# **Driving Soft Cost Innovation**

**SunShot Incubator Program** 



**Clean Power** / Finance





clean energy. smart investment.











# Big Data Lowers Solar Soft Costs

- Sun Number Scores engaging consumers
- Roof top data processed to qualify buildings
- Lowering the cost of customer acquisition

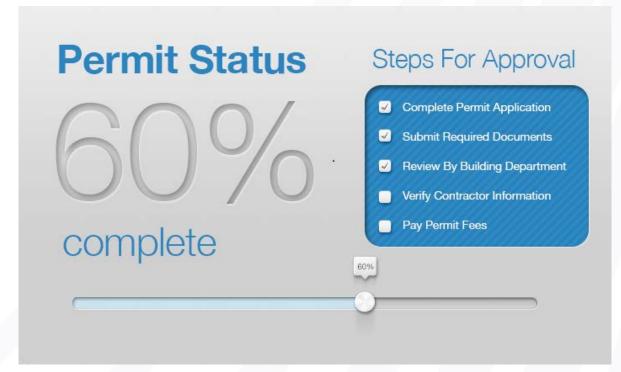






# Streamlined Permitting, Inspection

- Web-Based permitting
- Track you permits in real time
- Eliminate trips to permitting office



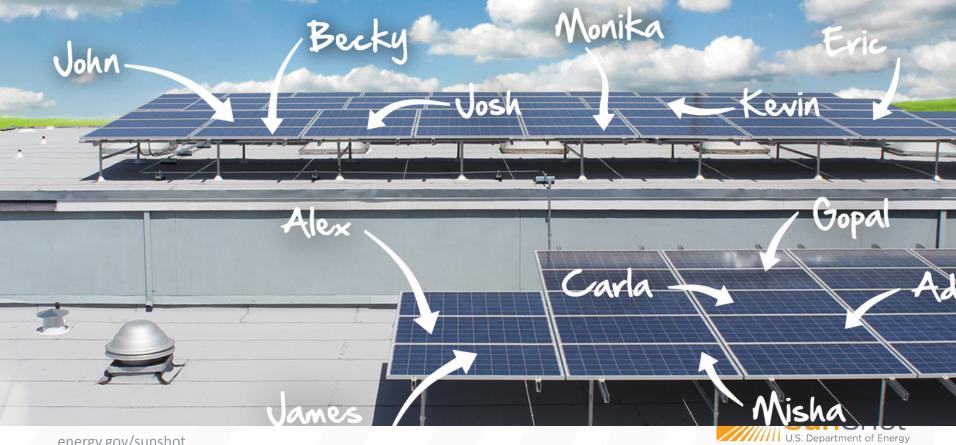




## Crowd-Funded Solar



- Non-homeowners can go solar for \$25
- Crowdfunding lowers the cost of capital



# Thank You

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY







# NHT Renewable Solar Financing Model

Jared Lang
Better Buildings Summit
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

# **Key Questions**

- 1. What are the risks and rewards of purchasing versus leasing solar systems?
- 2. How do you make the benefit worth the brain damage?

# National Housing Trust / Enterprise Preservation Corporation

- Own & Operate approximately 3,000 affordable rental units along the East Coast and Illinois; typically with a local partner.
- NHT/Enterprise has achieved green certification (Enterprise, Earthcraft or other) on approximately 1/3 of units, 1000 units, in its portfolio.
- \* First Enterprise Green Communities Certified property in DC (Galen Terrace) developed by NHT/Enterprise.
- \* Typically reduce energy consumption >20%.

# Purchasing

## **Benefits**

- 1. Energy Savings
- 2. Environmental benefit
- 3. Local energy production
- 4. Price stability

## Challenges

- 1. Roof Condition and Structural Reviews
- 2. Up-front Capital
- 3. Approvals
- 4. Construction Risk
- 5. O&M

# Leasing

## Benefits

- 1. Energy Savings, but much less
- 2. No installation costs
- 3. No O&M
- 4. Environmental benefit
- 5. Local energy production
- 6. Price stability

## Challenges

- 1. Roof Condition and Structural Reviews
- 2. Legal fees associated with onerous approvals
- 3. 3rd-party owning an asset on your roof
- 4. Less energy savings (must share)

# St. Dennis Apartments

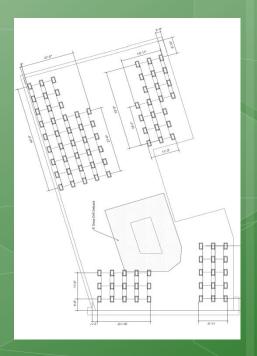


**DEVELOPER**: NHT/Enterprise

LOCATION: Mount Pleasant, Washington, DC

**NUMBER OF APARTMENTS**: 32 **WATER UPGRADE**: January 2012

**CERTIFICATIONS**: Enterprise Green Communities

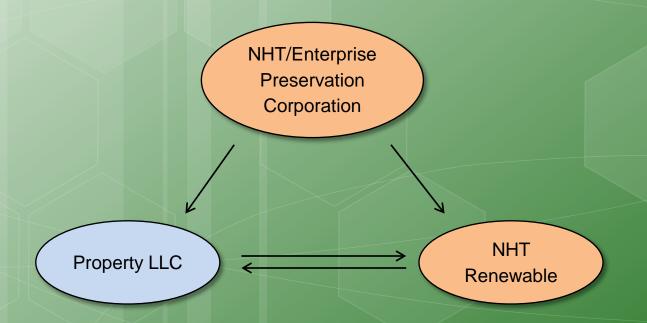


# St. Dennis Financials

Solar PV Example							
System Size (kW)	15						
Estimated Output (kwh/year)	20,000						
Power Price / kwh	0.14						
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Purchase Option							
Equity Investment		\$ (50,000)					
Federal Tax Credit (30%)		\$ 15,000					
Income (Savings and Credits)			\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Net Cash Flow		\$ (35,000)	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Payback	4 Years						
Leasing Option							
Equity Investment		\$ (5,000)					
Income (Savings)		( , ,	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Net Cash Flow		\$ (5,000)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Payback	5 Years						

# NHT Renewable Model

- 1. Owning and operating solar at the portfolio-level (5 properties)
- 2. Setting up leases with the property partnerships
- 3. Opening projects up to new income streams
- 4. Aggregating multiple properties
- 5. Making the benefit worth the brain damage



# NHT Renewable (Hybrid)

### **Benefits**

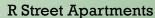
- 1. Environmental benefit
- 2. Energy Savings
- 3. New income streams
- 4. Local energy production
- 5. Price stability
- 6. Properties: No upfront cost or O&M

## Challenges

- 1. Roof Condition and Structural Reviews
- 2. Up-front Capital
- 3. Approvals
- 4. Construction Risk
- 5. O&M

# Renewable Project Scope

NHT/Properties Impacted: 5
Solar Thermal Systems: 2
Solar Photovoltaic Systems: 4
Total Project Cost: \$1.25 million
Photovoltaic: 300,000 kw/year
Thermal: 10,000 therms/year
Project Installation: Q2 2014





Meridian Manor





Galen Terrace



Copeland Manor



St. Dennis Apartments

# NHT Renewable Financials

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System Size

Photovoltaic (kW) 250
Thermal (Therms) 10,000
Estimated Output (kwh) 500,000

2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 Financials

Equity Investment \$(1,250,000) Federal Tax Credit (30%) \$ 375,000

Income (Savings and Credits) \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000

2019

Net Cash Flow \$ (875,000) \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000 \$ 210,000

Payback 4-5 Years

# NHT Renewable

# If you want to learn more...

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