



SOLAR OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP

Complimentary Resources, Guidance, and Individualized Technical Assistance for Local Governments



Regional Workshops



One to One Assistance



Strategy Session

Customized Technical Assistance and Consultation

Solar experts from our team provide complimentary technical assistance, delivering hands-on, customized support to local government staff and elected officials.

Our team can help you understand the local policy areas that can encourage – or hinder – solar development in your community and begin to identify opportunities for policy and process change. The free TA services offered through this program can include, but are not limited to, support in the following topic areas:

- ❖ Incorporating solar energy use into plans
- ❖ Drafting solar development regulations
- ❖ Streamlining solar permitting processes
- ❖ Identifying local solar financing options
- ❖ Structuring community shared solar projects
- ❖ Procuring solar energy systems for municipal facilities
- ❖ Organizing bulk-purchasing campaigns

SolarOPs provides local governments with free:

Technical assistance provided directly to local government and stakeholders by subject matter experts to accelerate the implementation of local solar policy initiatives.

Training events and workshops for local government officials and staff on strategies to design and implement a policy framework that leverages industry best practices to meet local solar market goals.

Peer exchanges to strengthen networks of local governments by providing a forum to discuss local challenges and successes.

Research reports and articles on relevant solar policy topics including how-to guides, factsheets, and case studies.



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Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's SunShot Initiative, the Solar Outreach Partnership (SolarOPs) is a collaborative national effort focused on working directly with communities to dramatically reduce the cost and expand the adoption of solar energy by 2020. Meet the partners:



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Meister Consultants Group (MCG), Inc. is an international, Boston-headquartered consulting firm specializing in energy policy and strategy development. MCG has worked with numerous local governments on solar policy including the implementation of policy best practices and stakeholder engagement. MCG provides a range of services including: market research, policy analysis, survey design, program implementation as well as participation and dialogue. Visit: mc-group.com



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