



The U.S. Department of Energy awarded the Go SOLAR Florida team a \$1.6 million SunShot Initiative Rooftop Solar Challenge II competitive award to make it easier for Floridians to obtain grid-tied solar installations.

The Go SOLAR Florida team will use the funding to:

- Improve the solar permitting process;
- Promote solar financing options statewide;
- Market solar photovoltaics and solar rights;
- Demonstrate the importance of clean energy development and related jobs;
- Model the benefits of intergovernmental cooperation; and
- Collaborate on a state-wide standard for connecting solar systems to the grid.

Why do we need the Florida Solar Permitting System?

- Prices of solar panels have rapidly declined, making the hardware costs cheaper.
- Soft-costs associated with grid-tied photovoltaics (such as permitting) will be reduced by standardizing permit across Florida.
- A fully realized Florida Solar Permitting System will reduce the soft cost of solar photovoltaic installation by 95%.



For more information on Go Solar Florida, visit gosolarflorida.org.



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The current state of solar permitting in Florida

- 1 Florida ranks 3rd for solar potential, but in 2013 only installed 26 MW of solar electric capacity, ranking it 18th nationally.
Source: Solar Energy Institute Association (SEIA)
- 2 818 different permitting jurisdictions throughout the state of Florida.
- 3 Soft costs account for 64% of total installation cost.
- 4 State-wide, fragmented Permitting Systems.
- 5 Substantial market incentives do not exist.

The 2020 Vision with **GO SOLAR | FLORIDA**

The Florida Solar Permitting System

- 1 Florida ranked within the top 10 states for installed solar, as measured by SEIA.
- 2 One consistent solar permitting customer experience throughout the state of Florida.
- 3 Dramatic reduction in soft costs.
- 4 One uniform permitting experience.
- 5 Suite of web-based market incentive tools including: financial options, solar education, and solar rights information.

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