



Tennessee Solar for All Program - Stakeholder Meeting

TDEC Office of Energy Programs (OEP)

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# Agenda

- Program Status and Updates
  - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Engagement
  - EPA Reporting
  - Program Design
  - Workforce Development
- Upcoming Events
- Timeline

# Program Status and Updates – EPA and NREL Engagement

- OEP continues to meet with the EPA Project Officer (PO) for program design.
- Engagement with NREL for Program technical assistance (TA) is ongoing.
  - Scope of Work has been finalized and is with EPA for approval.
- EPA has released a *draft* Household Savings Calculator and detailed technical guidance.
  - The final version is anticipated to be released by the first week of July.
  - OEP staff served on the EPA Household Savings Working Group and provided feedback during three workshop sessions.
  - Use of the Savings Calculator will not be mandated by EPA, but it is intended to serve as a guiding tool.
  - NREL is also designing complementary technical guidance on non-utility benefits.

# Program Status and Updates – EPA Reporting

- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP):
  - TDEC OEP continues to coordinate with and address comments from the EPA PO and Quality Assurance Manager (QAM). We will revise the QAPP to address the recently provided Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) Distributed Energy Calculator and the final version of the Household Savings Calculator.
  - The QAPP must be in place (reviewed and approved by EPA) by October 30, 2025. EPA set the new program-wide deadline to coincide with the next scheduled Task and Project Level Report.

# Program Status and Updates – Program Design

- TDEC OEP continues to design the Tennessee Solar for All Program offerings, including multiple funding solicitations, which will be further informed by the forthcoming EPA guidance and NREL TA.
  - Prior to the concurrent release of funding solicitations, TDEC OEP will release a Notice of Intent (NOI).
  - The purpose of the NOI is to provide a general understanding of the intent and framework of the SFA program, basic program and applicant requirements, and the proposed timeline of the program solicitation and selection process in advance of the full solicitation.
  - The NOI will be released approximately two months prior to the full solicitation.

# Program Status and Updates – Workforce Development

- SFA Program workforce development activities will be funded separately from solar and solar + storage projects.
- TDEC OEP continues to evaluate workforce development needs and opportunities.
- TDEC OEP has met with and will continue to coordinate with the State Fire Marshal's Office within the Department of Commerce and Insurance to explore and address topics such as:
  - existing training and certifications for electrical and building codes inspectors;
  - relevant topic areas for the development of new training materials and resources to support industry and regulatory needs;
  - avenues to effectively and widely distribute information on training opportunities;
  - consistency of trainings and certifications across varied jurisdictions; and
  - opportunities for collaboration across sectors (industry, local power companies, academic and trade institutions, State and local governments, etc.).

# Upcoming Events

UT Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy & Public Affairs Southeast Energy Policy Forum

- **August 5-6**, Knoxville
- [Southeast Energy Policy Forum - Baker School](#)

Tennessee Solar Energy Industry Association 2025 Solar + Storage Conference

- **October 29-30** in Nashville
- <https://tenneseiasolar.com/conference/>

# Timeline

