



# Tennessee Solar for All Stakeholder Meeting

May 23, 2025

# Agenda

- Program Status and Updates
  - EPA and NREL Engagement
  - EPA Reporting
  - Program Design
- Registration Open: 2025 Solar + Storage Conference
- Timeline

# Program Status and Updates – EPA and NREL Engagement

- Met interim PO during bi-weekly SFA check-in.
- Engagement with National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for Program technical assistance (TA) is ongoing.
  - Draft scope of work has been provided by NREL. TDEC OEP will provide feedback this month.
- EPA anticipates releasing a Household Savings Calculator and detailed technical guidance in mid-June (previously late-May).
  - Calculator will be included as an appendix to the QAPP.
  - Use of the savings calculator will not be mandated by EPA, but is intended to serve as a guiding tool.
  - NREL is also designing guidance on non-utility benefits.

# Program Status and Updates – EPA Reporting

- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP):
  - EPA provided feedback regarding TDEC OEP’s draft QAPP.
  - TDEC met with PO and interim PO to discuss proposed edits.
  - TDEC OEP will address additional EPA feedback and submit the revised QAPP to EPA in June.
    - 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.

# Program Status and Updates – Program Design, Workforce

- TDEC OEP continues to evaluate workforce development needs and opportunities.
  - TDEC OEP is coordinating with the State Fire Marshal's Office to explore topics such as training and certification for electrical and building codes inspectors.
- SFA Program workforce development activities will be funded separately from solar and solar + storage projects.

# Registration Open: 2025 Solar + Storage Conference

- Tennessee Solar Energy Industry Association 2025 Solar + Storage Conference
  - The event will take place **October 29-30** in Nashville
  - <https://tenneseiasolar.com/conference/>

# Timeline

**9/1/24 Notice of Award - Program/Budget start date**

**2/5/25 QMP adoption approved by EPA**

**3/06/25 Kickoff NREL TA Discussions**

**4/18/25 Draft QAPP submitted**

**12/18/24 – 12/18/25 Planning Period**

**3/03/25 Resume meetings with EPA and new PO**

**4/16/25 TPL Report submitted**