

Solar Access to Public Capital (SAPC): Background & Milestones



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### **SAPC History**

### NREL Goal:

# Expand availability of capital

Lower cost of capital

Reduce transaction cost, time to access capital

### 3 Yr. DOE Award:

#### Organize the industry around:

- Standard documents
- Best Practices
- Robust datasets

Conduct analysis to comprehend opportunities and barriers

Build foundation to access public capital

# **SAPC: Approx. 90 Participant Organizations**

Developers	Legal	Investment	Advisory	Component Mfg., Other
Altus Power	Bingham McCutchen	B of A Merrill Lynch	Black & Veatch	Enphase
Amicus Solar	Chadbourne & Parke	CalCef	Capital Fusion Partners	Hanwha Q-Cells
Borrego Solar	Chapman, Cutler	Citi	Citi Trust Services	КАСО
Distributed Sun	Cooley	Clean Power Finance	First Associates	SMA
Enfinity	Coronal Mgt	Credit Agricole	GL Garrad Hassan	Solectria
Duke Energy	Dechert	Credit Suisse	Kroll Bond Ratings	Energi
HelioPower	DLA Piper	EcoPower Capital	KPMG	CleanPath
Main Street Power	K&L Gates	Energy One Finance	Lease Dimensions	Skystream Markets
NextEra	Milbank	Foresight Group	Locus Energy	PV Evolution Labs
OneRoof	McCauley Lyman	Global Capital Finance	Mercatus	Solar Electric Power Ass.
PsomasFMG	Orrick, Herrington	Hannon Armstrong	Novogradac	Global Cool Cities
Recurrent	Patton Boggs	kW Financial	Power Factors	Demeter Power
Rosendin	Sidley Austin	Macquarie	PwC	Tioga Power
SolarCity	Skadden Arps	MorganStanley	Rocky Mtn. Institute	Rottman & Associates
SPG Solar	Stoel Rives	Rabobank	SAIC	Amp Solar
Sungevity	Troutman Sanders	Seminole Financial	Sol Systems	Department of Energy
SunPower		Union Bank	Standard and Poor's	SunSpec
SunRun		US Renewables Group	Тгерр	Birch Tree Capital
Vivint Solar		Wiser Capital	TUV	Nancy LaPlaca 3

# **SAPC Activities**

#### Standard Contracts – now available!

- Residential Lease (aggregated, disaggregated)
- Commercial PPA

### Develop Best Practices

- **0&M**
- o Installation

#### Develop mock filing to rating agencies

- S&P, Moody's, Fitch, DBRS
- Filings to be made in Q4 2013
- Will consist of: data tapes, legal term sheets, developer bios, etc.
- Develop actuarial database of plant performance
  Open Solar Performance and Reliability Clearinghouse
- Convert to Industry-Led Group
- Engage Solar & Investment Communities
  - ABS-East Conference 10/6 Solar showcased with 5 panels

# **Standard contract: Benefits of Adoption**

- Lower transaction costs
- Increase deal flow
- Improve customer protection
- Enable access to public capital via:
  - Securitization
  - o **REITs**
  - Yieldcos
  - o MLPs
  - Debt products

• Please read the fine print - variable language, etc.

### See securitization page at: financeRE.nrel.gov