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New York State is making solar energy more accessible to homes, businesses, and communities. Through NY-Sun, New York's initiative to advance the scale-up of solar, we are on track to install 6 GW by 2025.

The purpose of Doing Solar Business in New York is to help guide the development of solar and eliminate barriers for new contractors and builders. It provides a high-level overview of the requirements and process for developing solar in New York State and highlights resources offered by NY-Sun.

NY-Sun offers incentives based on the type of solar project and its location in New York State. Projects can be installed on the roof (roof mounted) or ground (ground mounted). For more information on available incentives, visit the Available Incentives section below.

On-site projects may be residential, nonresidential, or commercial/industrial installations. These projects are connected to a customer utility account and serve an on-site load. They may also be installed at a new or existing site. For energy injected into the grid, projects under 750 kW AC will receive compensation under Net Energy Metering (NEM) and larger projects will receive the Value of Distributed Energy Resources (VDER) or the Value Stack, a new mechanism to compensate distributed energy resources (for more information, visit the Utility Crediting/Compensation section below).

A single remote metered project can provide bill credits to one or more remote sites to offset their electric bill. In other words, the energy produced by a remote metered project can be credited to one or more customer utility accounts. This type of installation receives compensation under the Value Stack. For remote metered and community solar projects, the "host site" and all offtakers (customers receiving the bill credits from a DER) must be located in the same utility service territory.

A community solar project is a single large installation that serves multiple offtakers, which may be residential or commercial. NY-Sun depends on contractors and builders to construct community solar projects throughout the State.

It is important to note that a community solar project must provide remote bill savings to 10 or more offtakers, each of which must receive at least 1,000 kWh per year. Community solar projects may have fewer than 10 offtakers if the project is located on a multifamily building and is serving its tenants. Additionally, no more than 40% of the project output can be dedicated to large offtakers (those with a demand charge on their electric bill). Community solar projects may be eligible for additional incentives like the Community Credit or Community Adder.

In accordance with the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, every local government in New York State has the power to adopt and amend local laws relating to property, affairs, and government. There are 1,607



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municipalities in the State and most have different requirements. Contractors and builders must work directly with the municipality they are conducting business in to meet their permitting, code, and licensing requirements.

Step 1: Identify the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) and check their permitting, code, and licensing requirements.

Step 3: The appropriate AHJ will issue permits and be the lead agency in the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR), if applicable.

Step 4: Local code officials will require an inspection after construction to ensure that projects meet all necessary building codes.

To reduce costs and delays associated with permitting solar projects, NYSERDA and the New York State Department of State developed the New York State Unified Solar Permit. The permit applies to small residential projects 25 kW DC and under. Local governments can pass legislation to adopt the Unified Solar Permit in their jurisdiction. To date, over 300 AHJs have adopted the permit.

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