

Solar Powering Your Community

Addressing Soft Costs and Barriers



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About the SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership

The SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership (SolarOPs) is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) program designed to increase the use and integration of solar energy in communities across the US.

About the SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership

- Increase installed capacity of solar electricity in U.S. communities
- Streamline and standardize **permitting and interconnection processes**
- Improve **planning and zoning codes/regulations** for solar electric technologies
- Increase access to **solar financing options**

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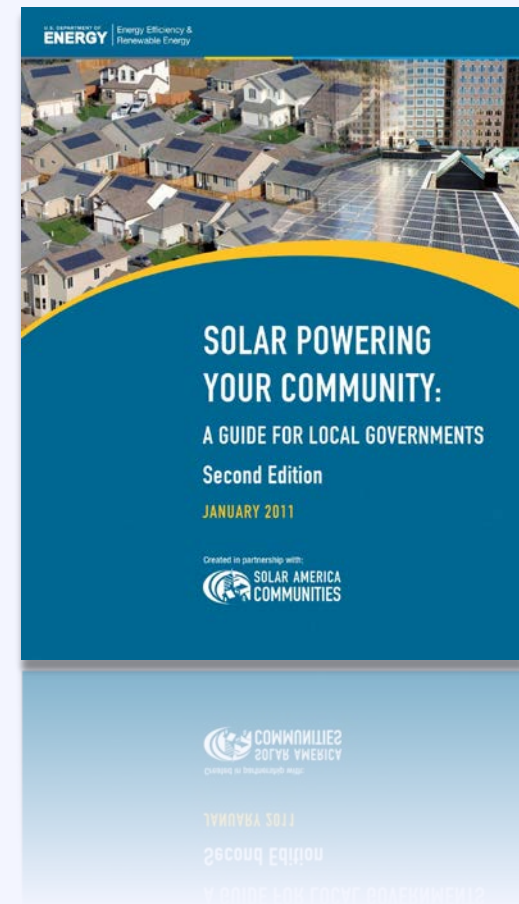
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Resource Solar Powering Your Community Guide

A comprehensive resource to assist local governments and stakeholders in building local solar markets.

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Resource Sunshot Resource Center

- Case Studies
- Fact Sheets
- How-To Guides
- Model Ordinances
- Technical Reports
- Sample Government Docs

www4.eere.energy.gov/solar/sunshot/resource_center



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Technical Support

- ‘Ask an Expert’ Live Web Forums
- ‘Ask an Expert’ Web Portal
- Peer Exchange Facilitation
- In-Depth Consultations
- Customized Trainings



www.solaroutreach.org

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Who's in the room?

Poll

What is your experience with solar?

Solar Technologies



Solar Photovoltaic (PV)



Solar Hot Water



Concentrated Solar Power

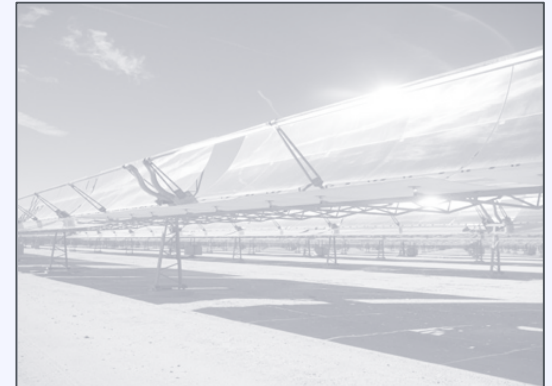
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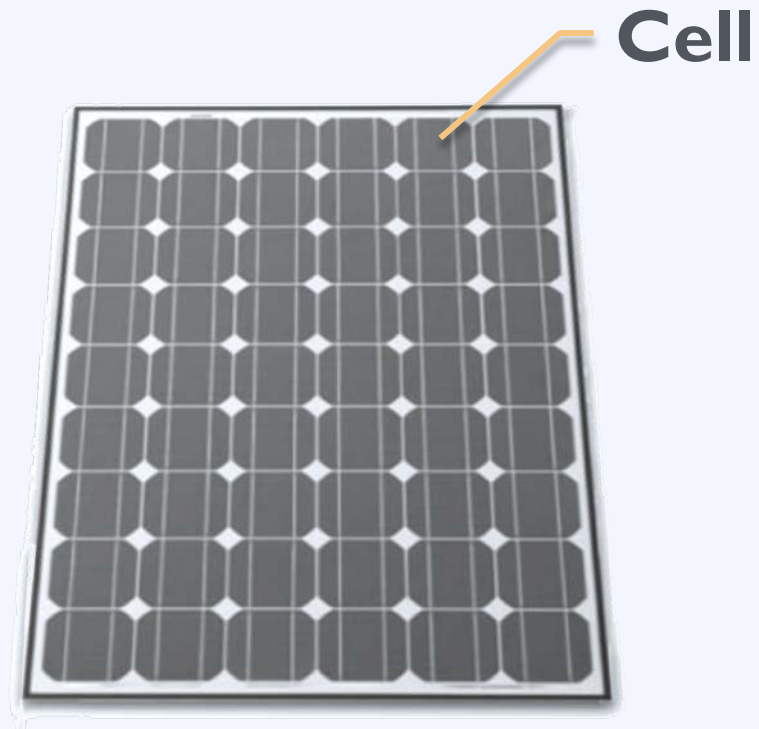


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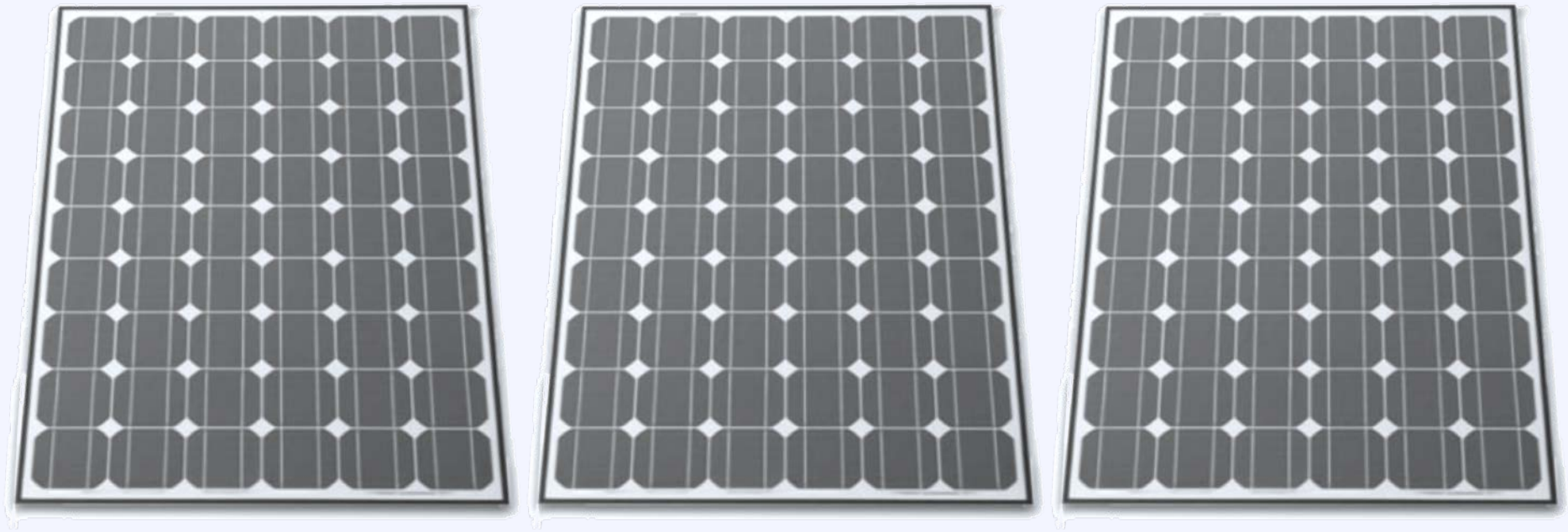
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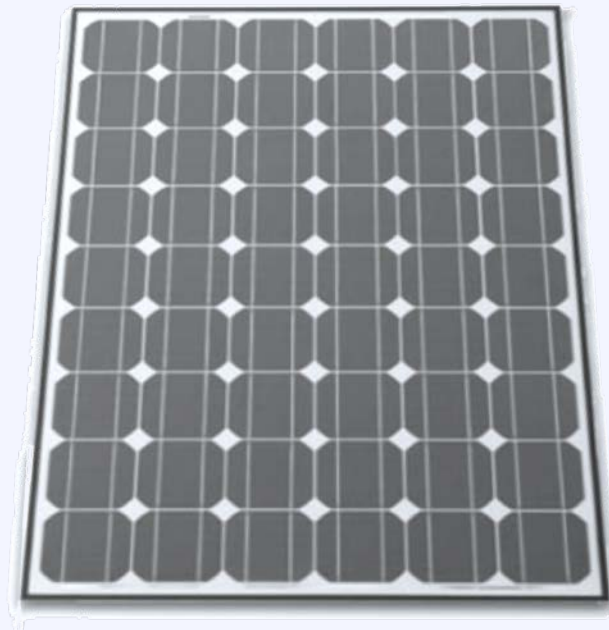
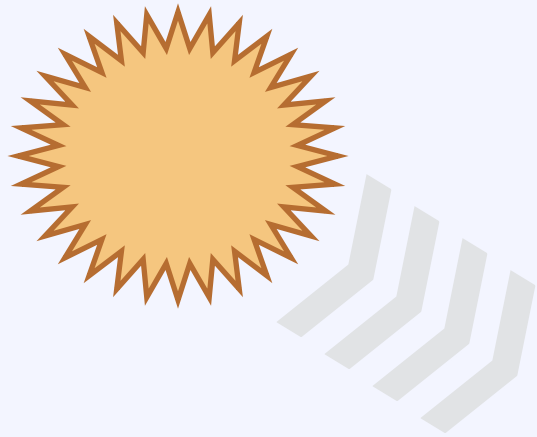
Panel / Module

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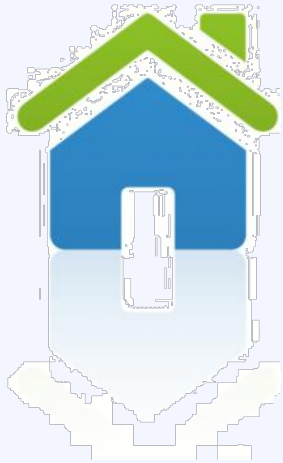
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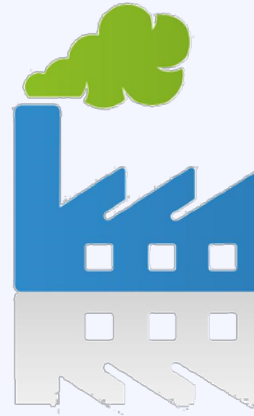
Production
Kilowatt-hour (kWh)

Capacity / Power
kilowatt (kW)

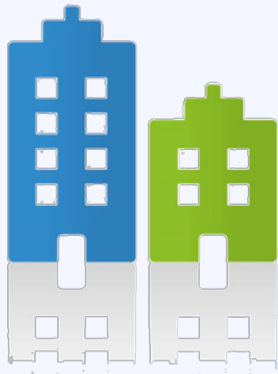
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Residence
5 kW



Factory
1 MW+



Office
50 – 500 kW



Utility
2 MW+

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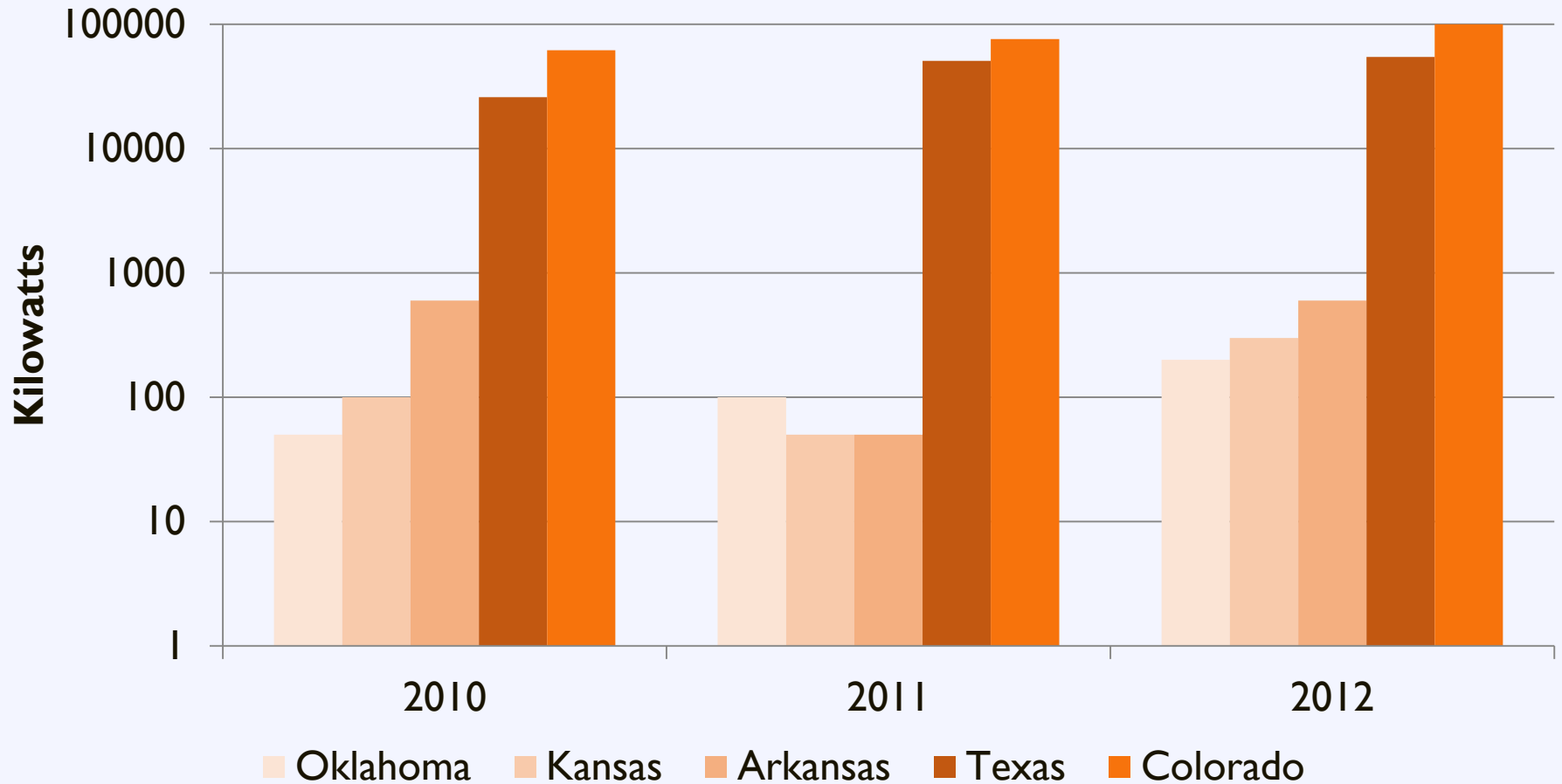
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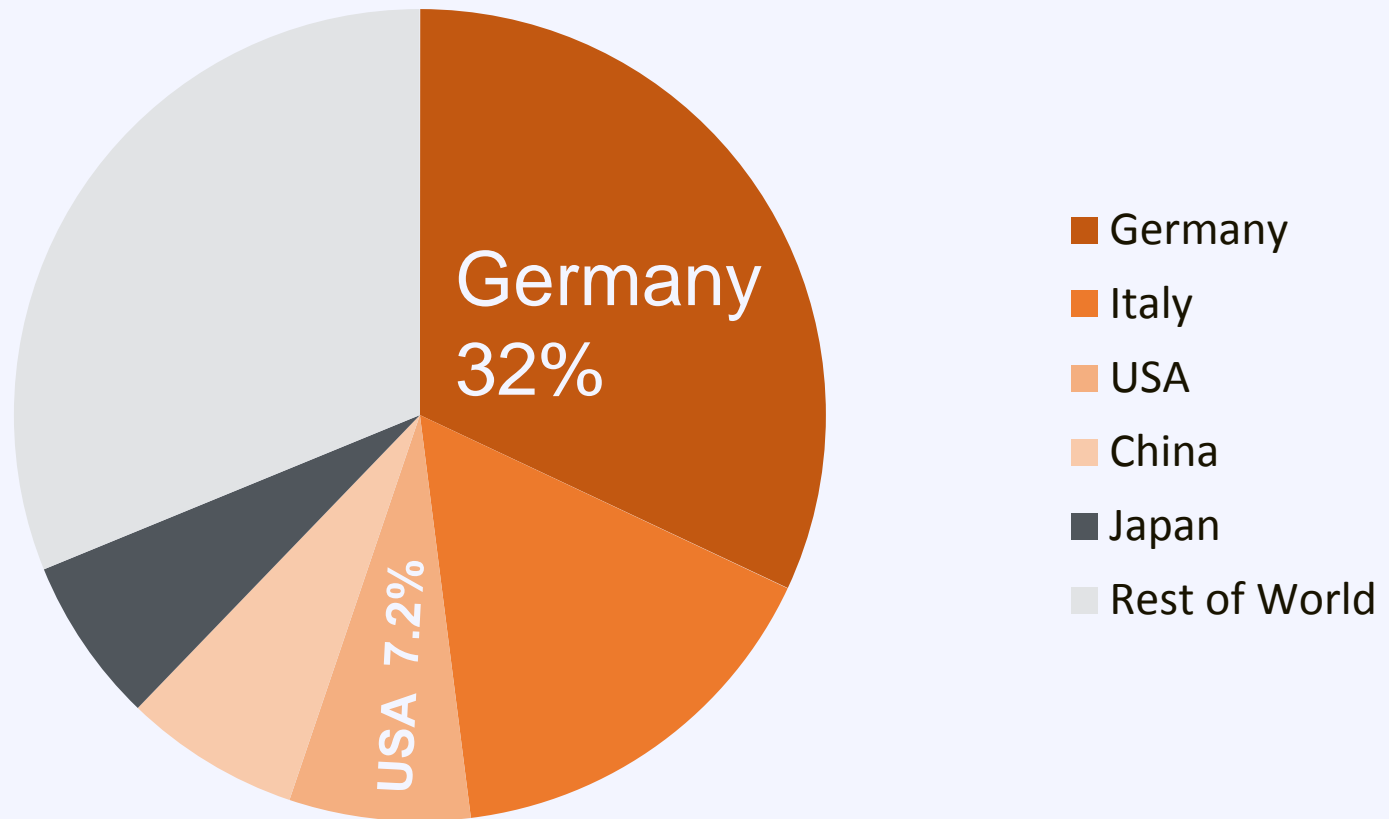
Oklahoma Regional Solar Market

Installed Capacity of Solar PV



Installed Capacity

Top 5 Countries Solar Operating Capacity (2012)



Installed Capacity

Total installed solar capacity in the US

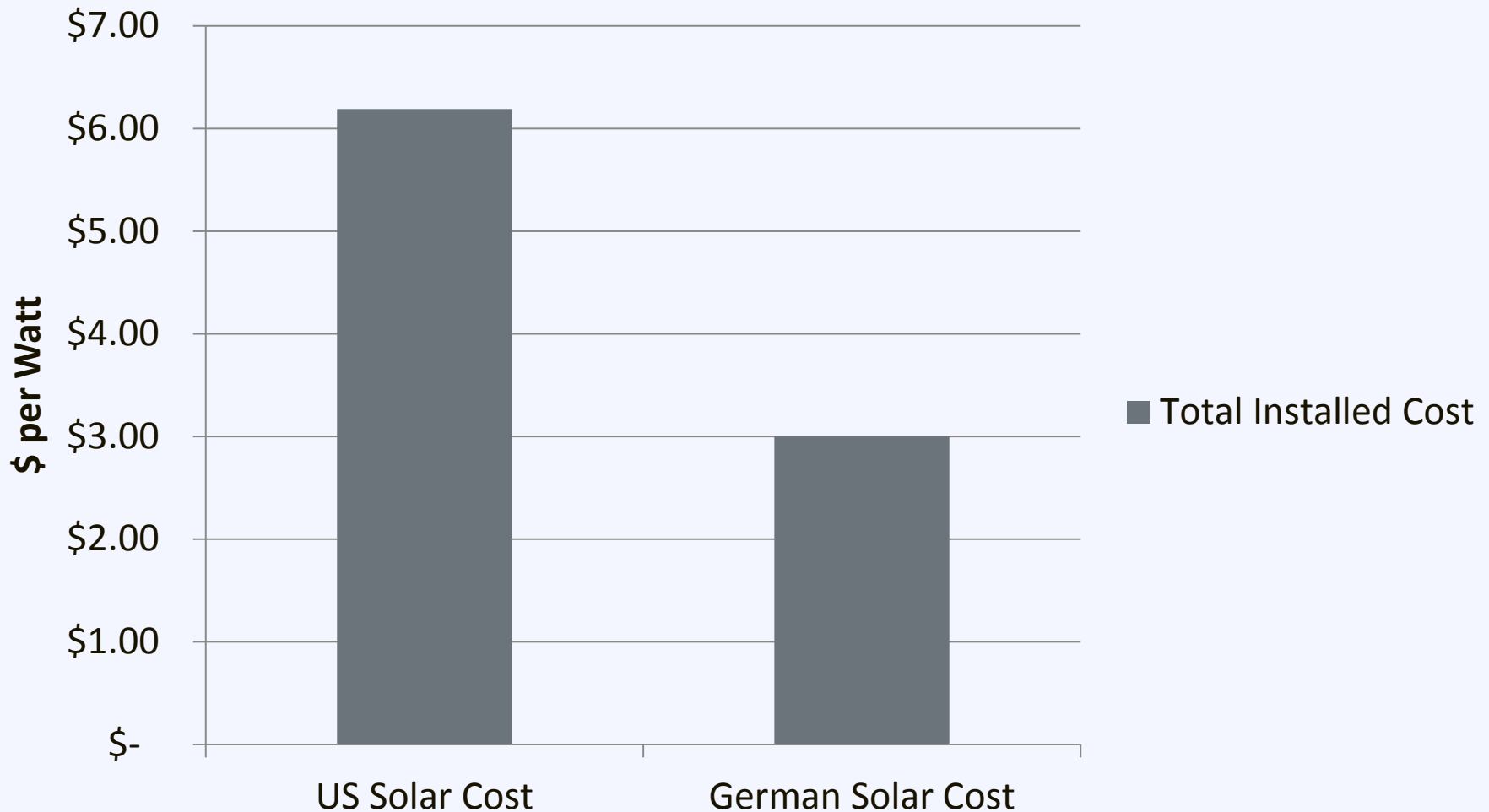
7.7 GW

Capacity installed in Germany in 2012 alone

7.6 GW

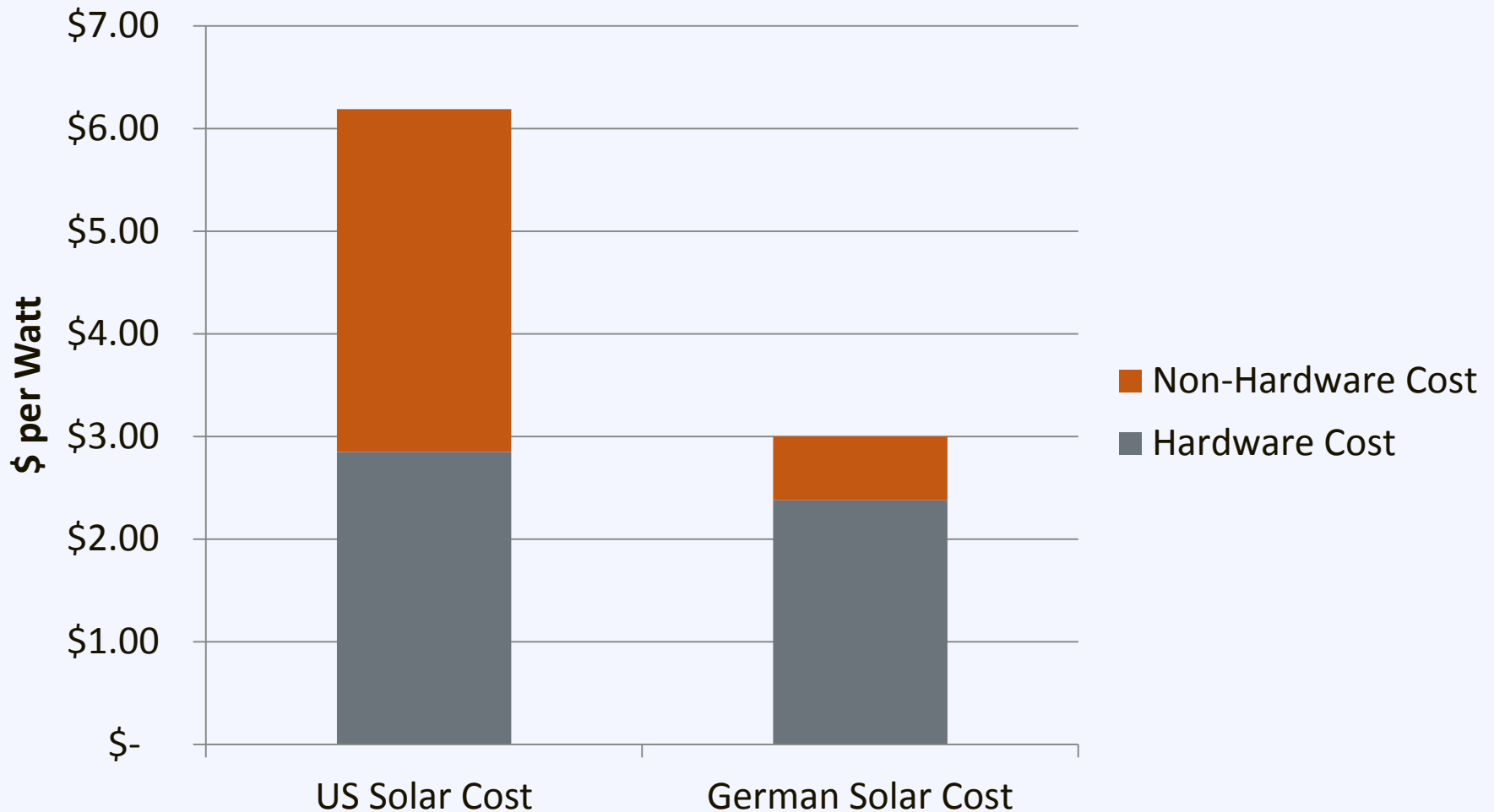
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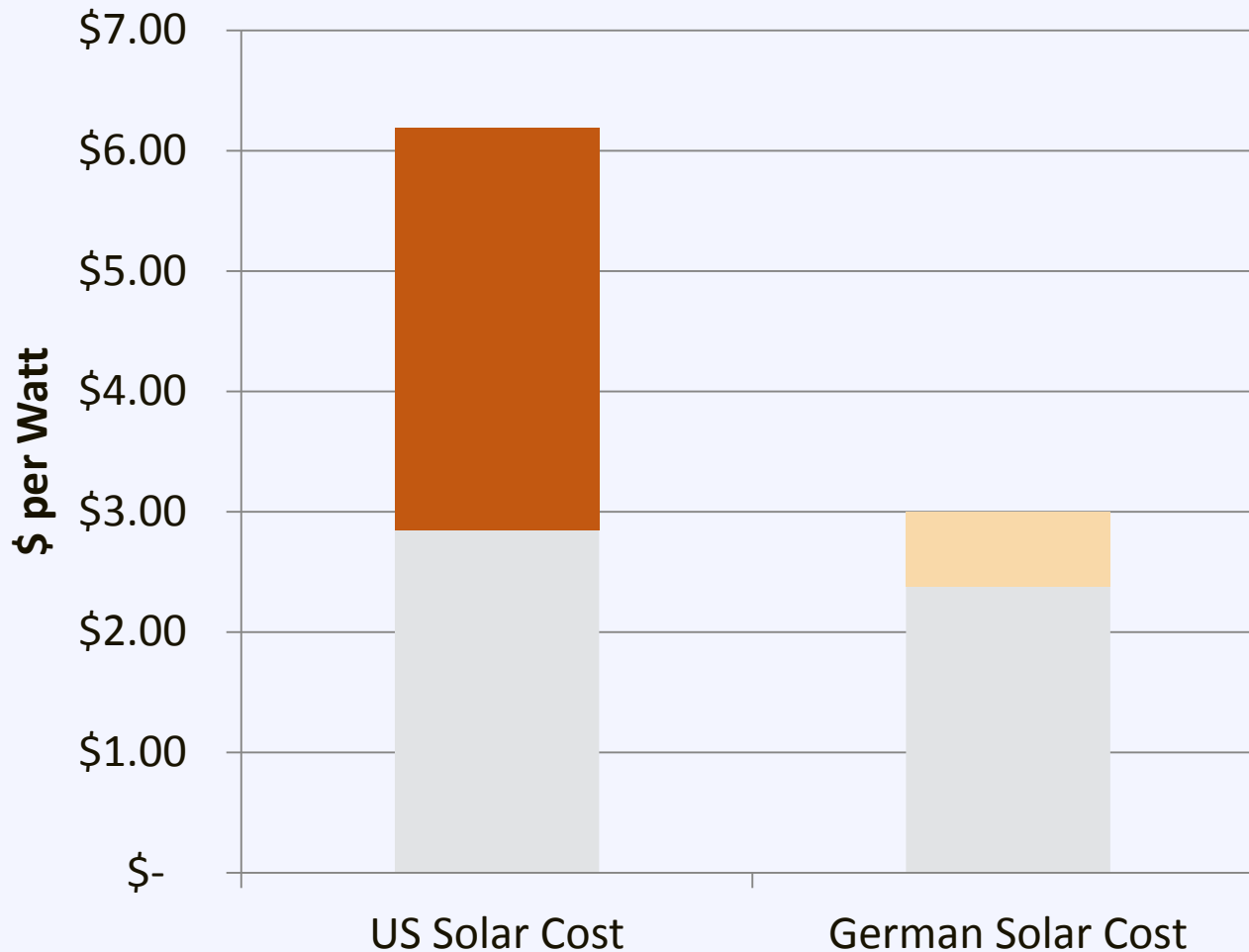
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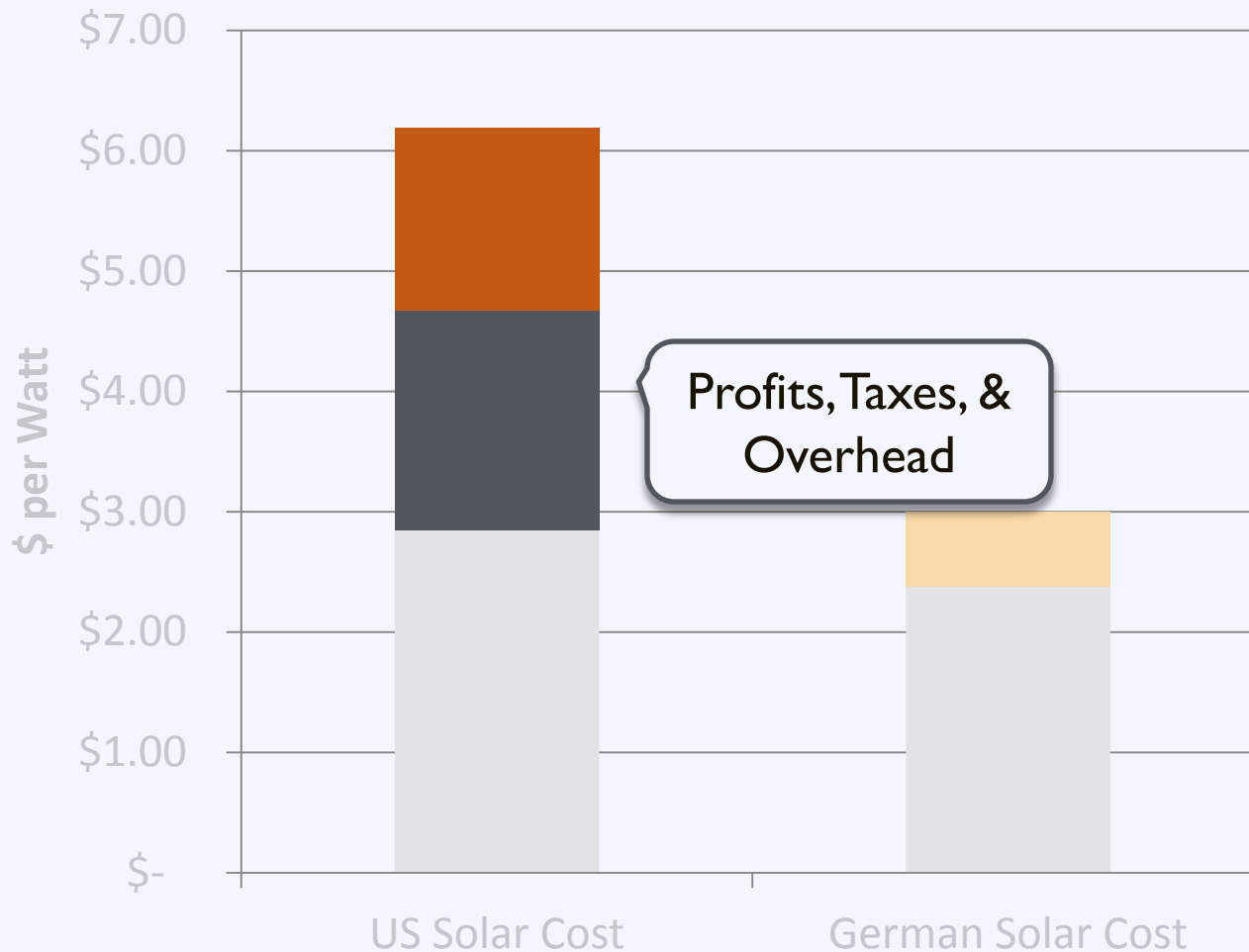
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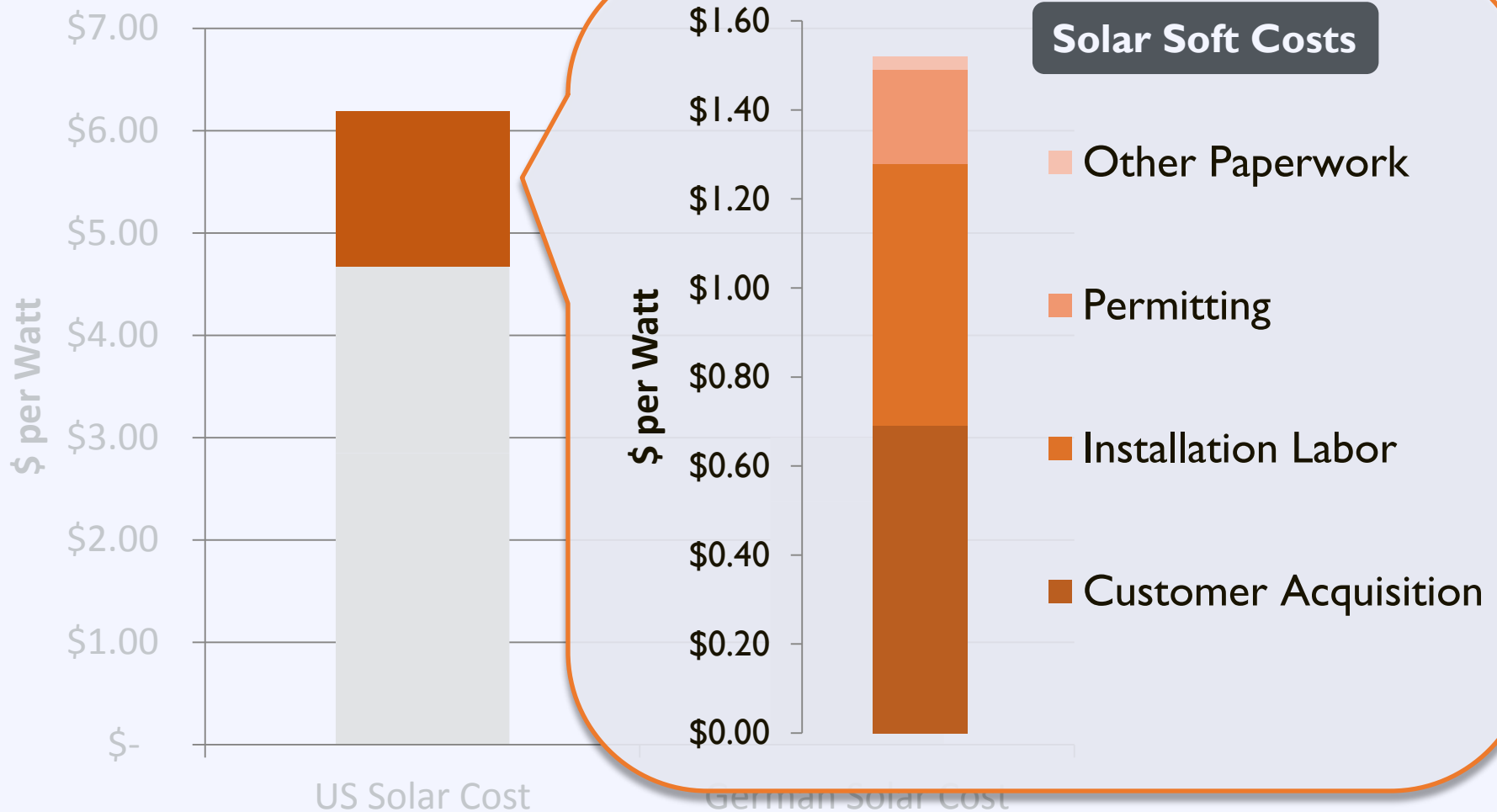
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Workshop Goal

Enable local governments to replicate successful solar practices and expand local adoption of solar energy

Explore benefits

and

Overcome barriers

Activity: Identifying Benefits

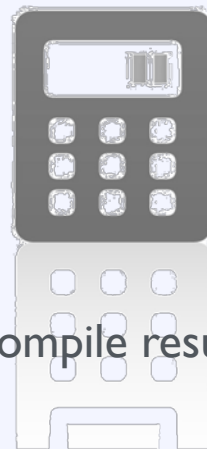
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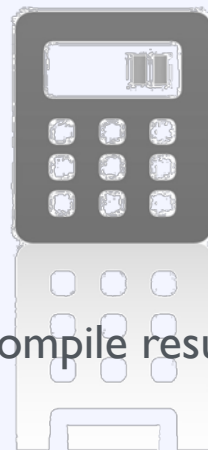
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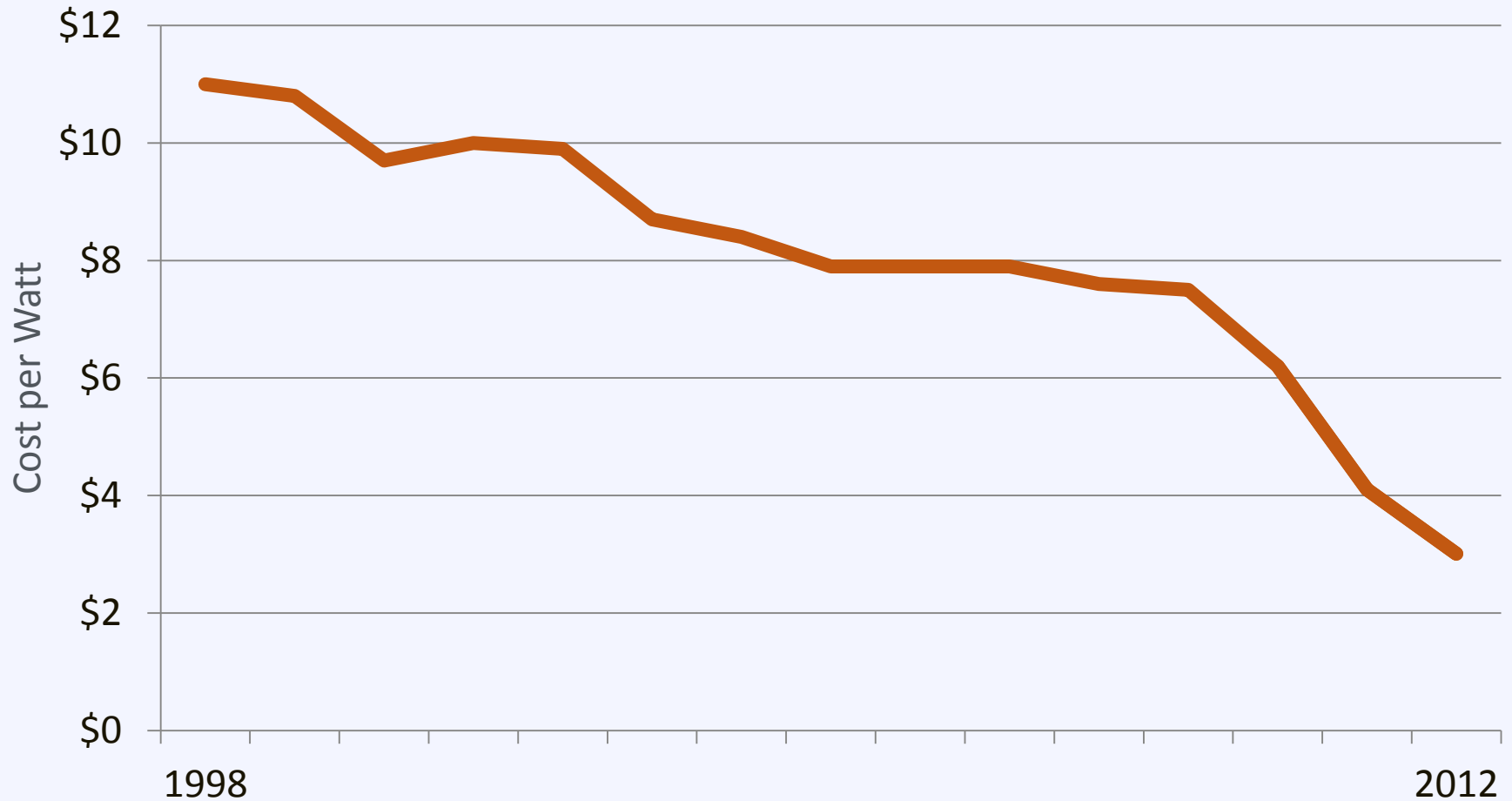
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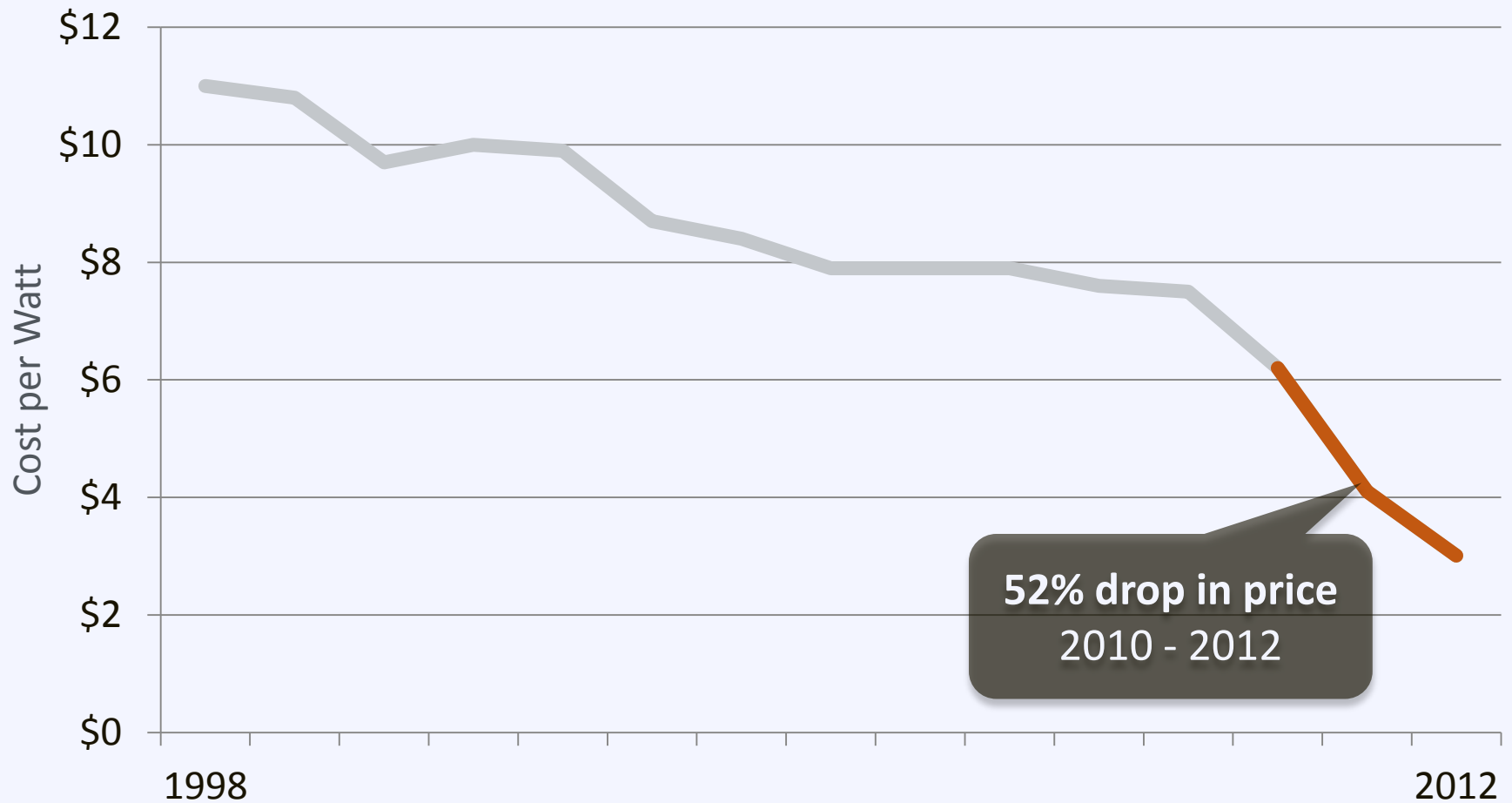
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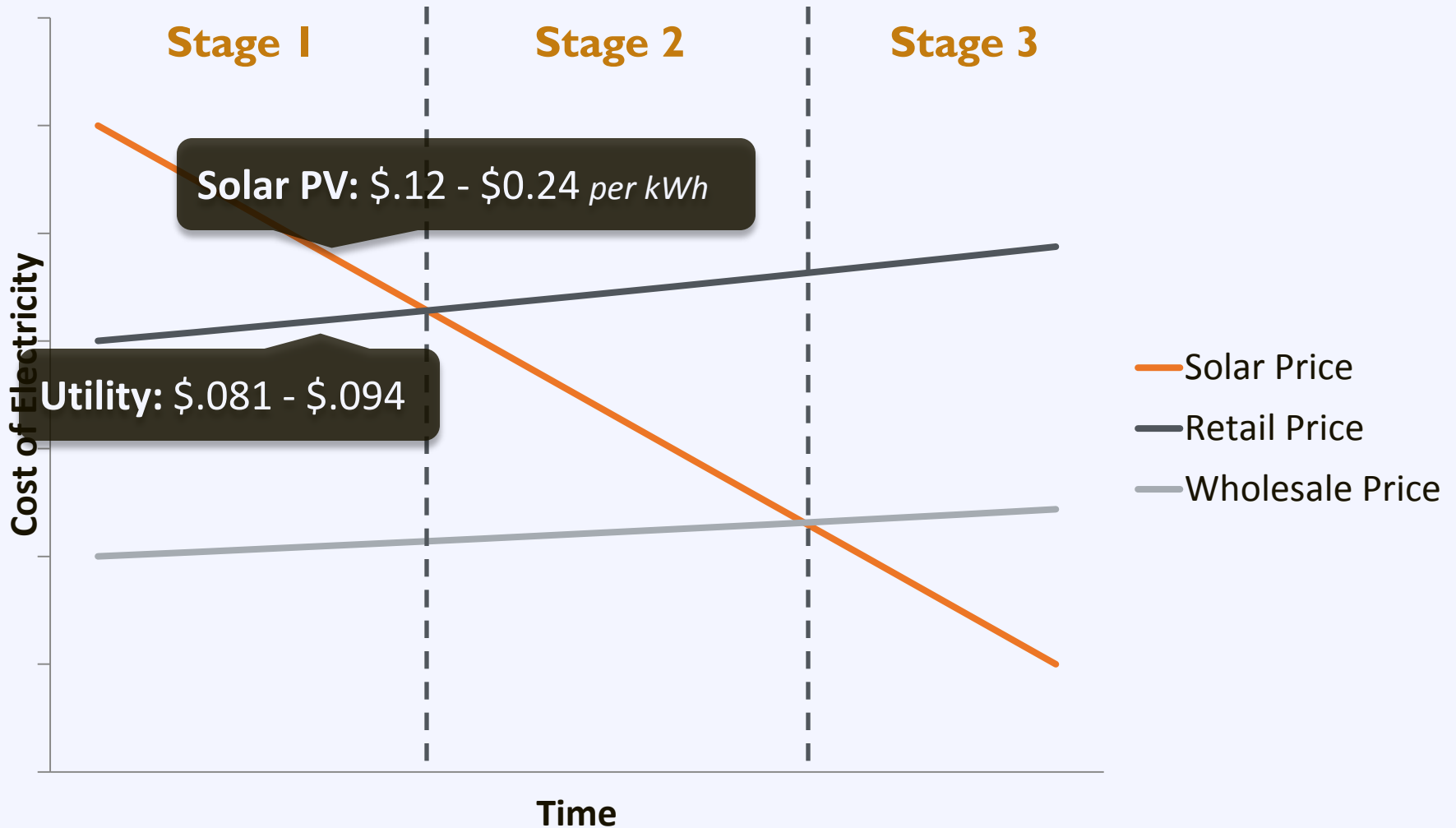


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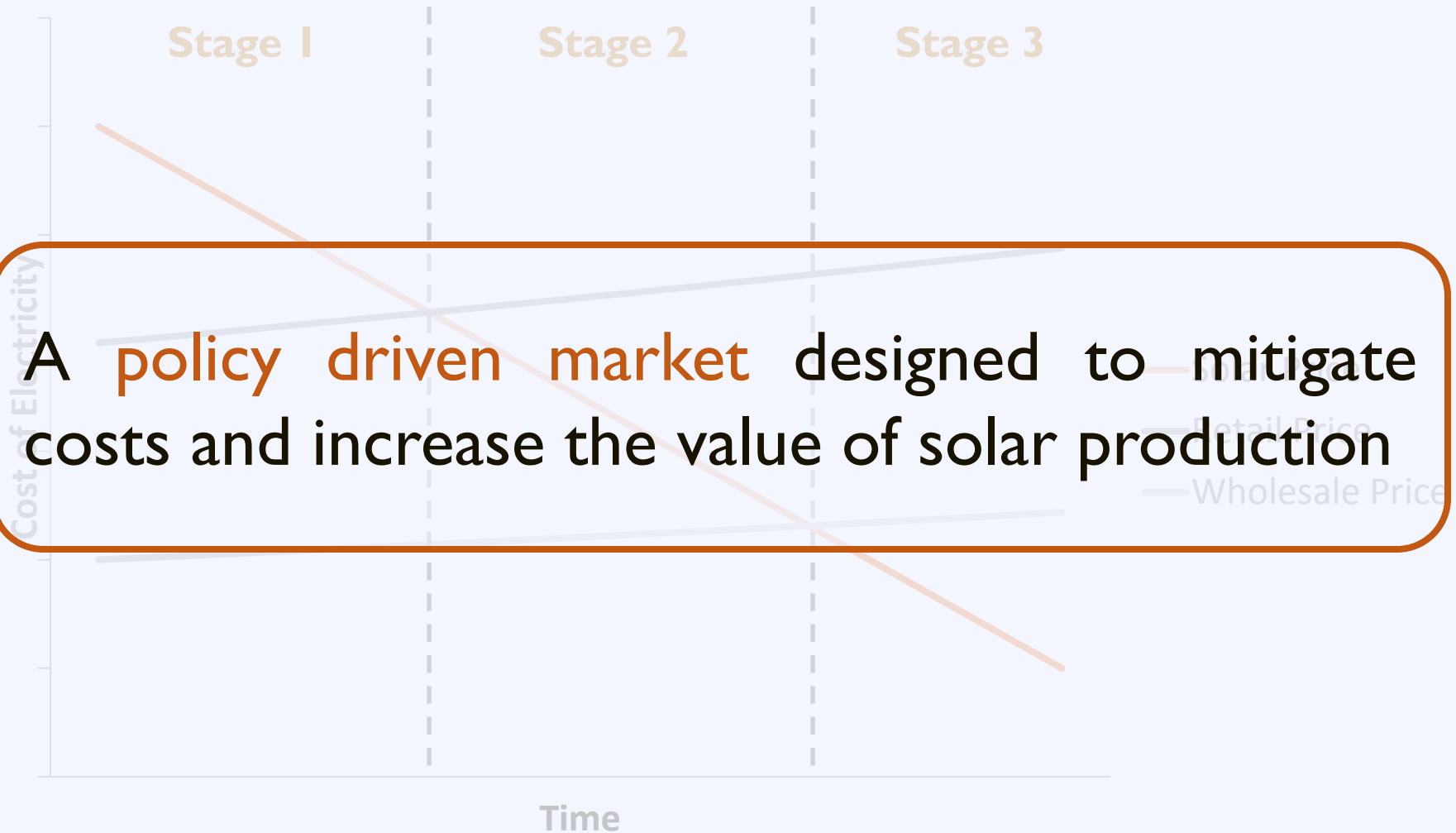
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Solar Market: Stages



A Policy Driven Market

State

Utility Regulation

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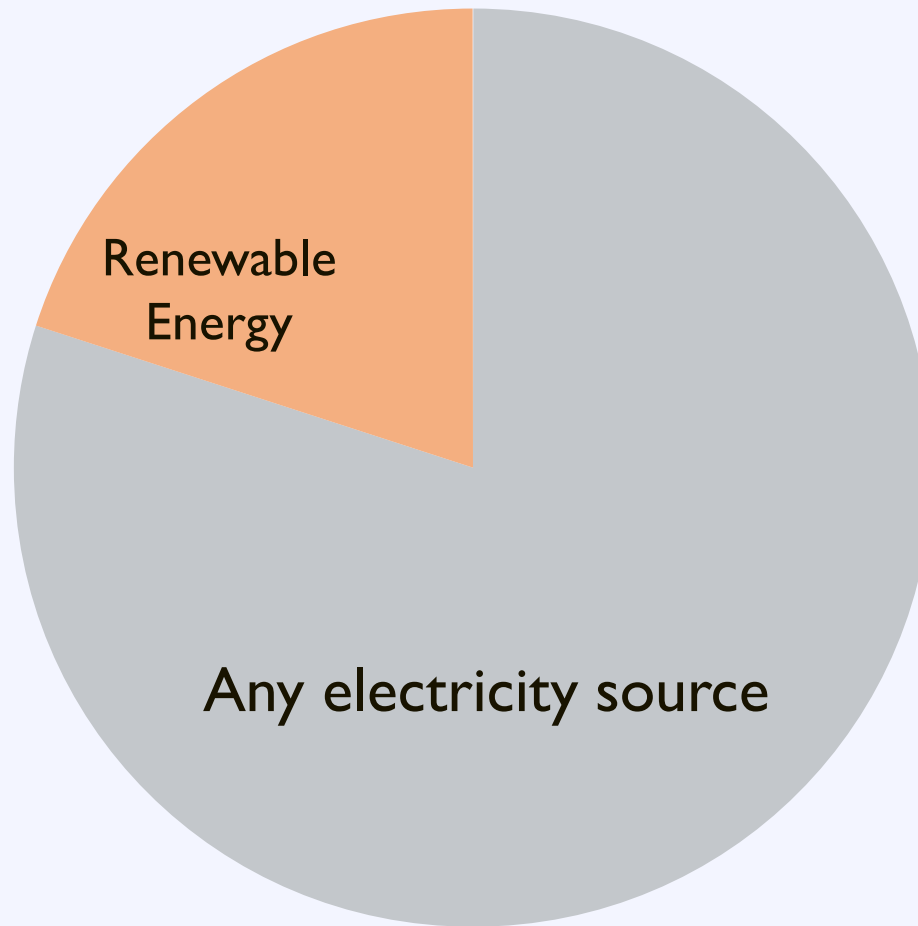
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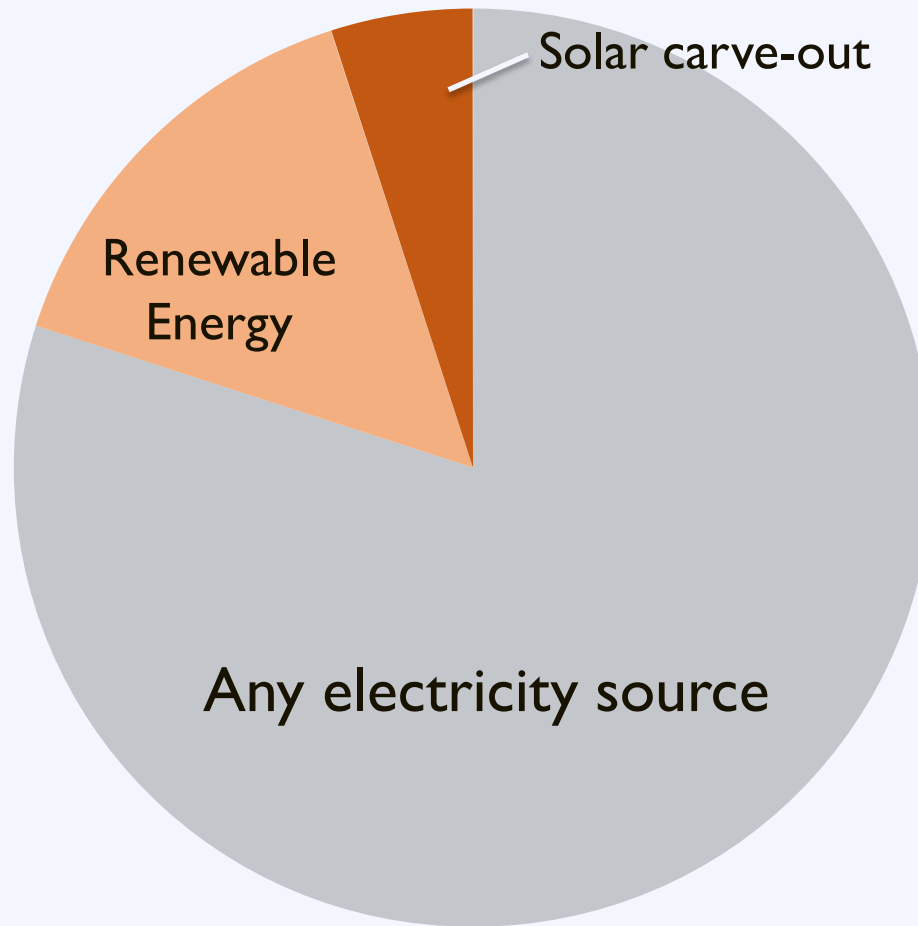
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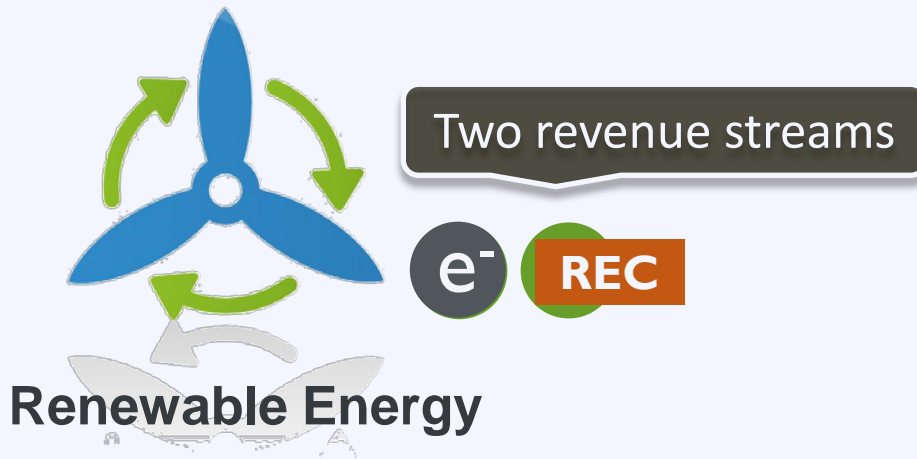


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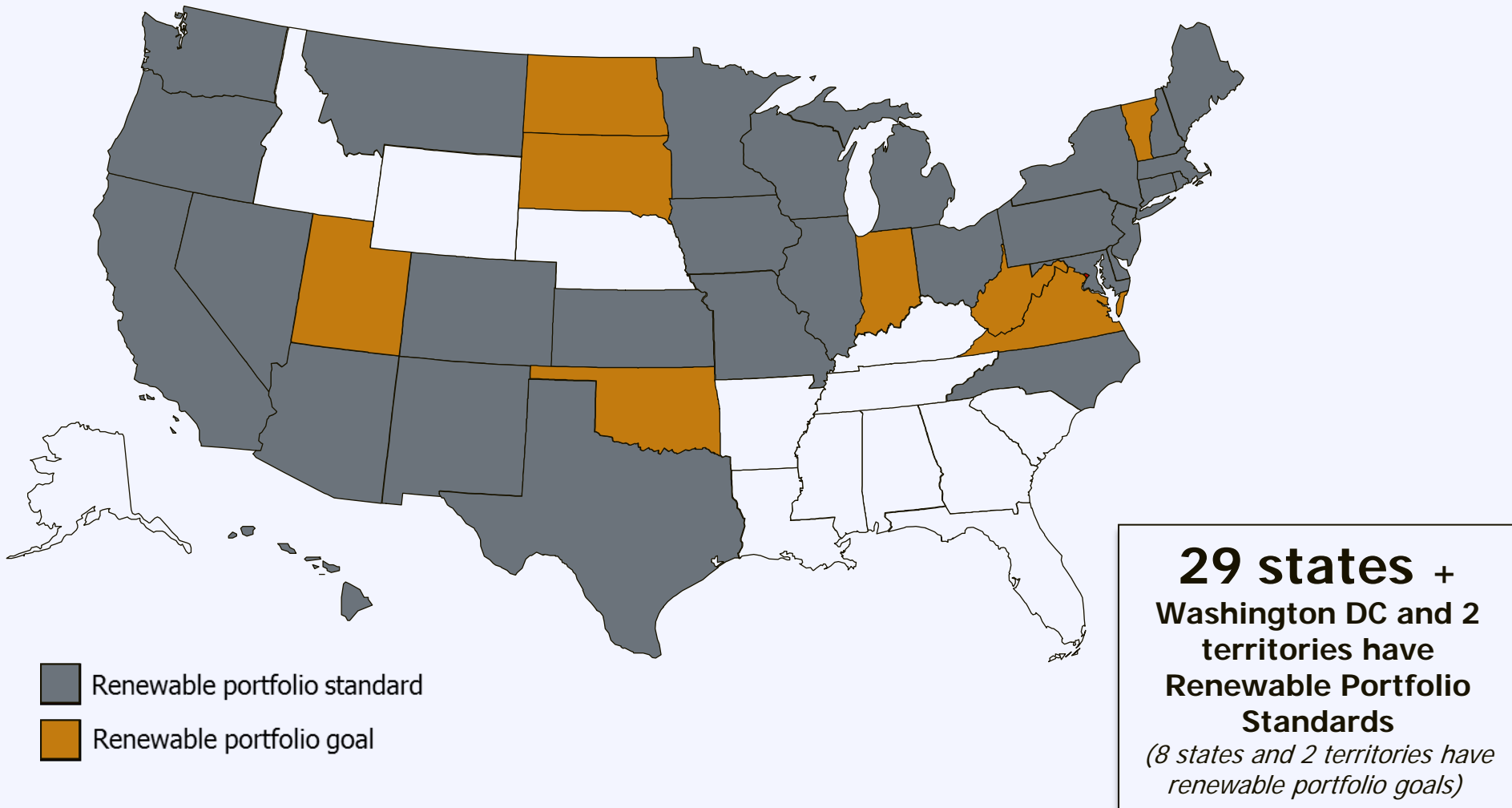


Renewable Portfolio Standard



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Renewable Portfolio Standard



Voluntary goal of

15%

from renewable sources

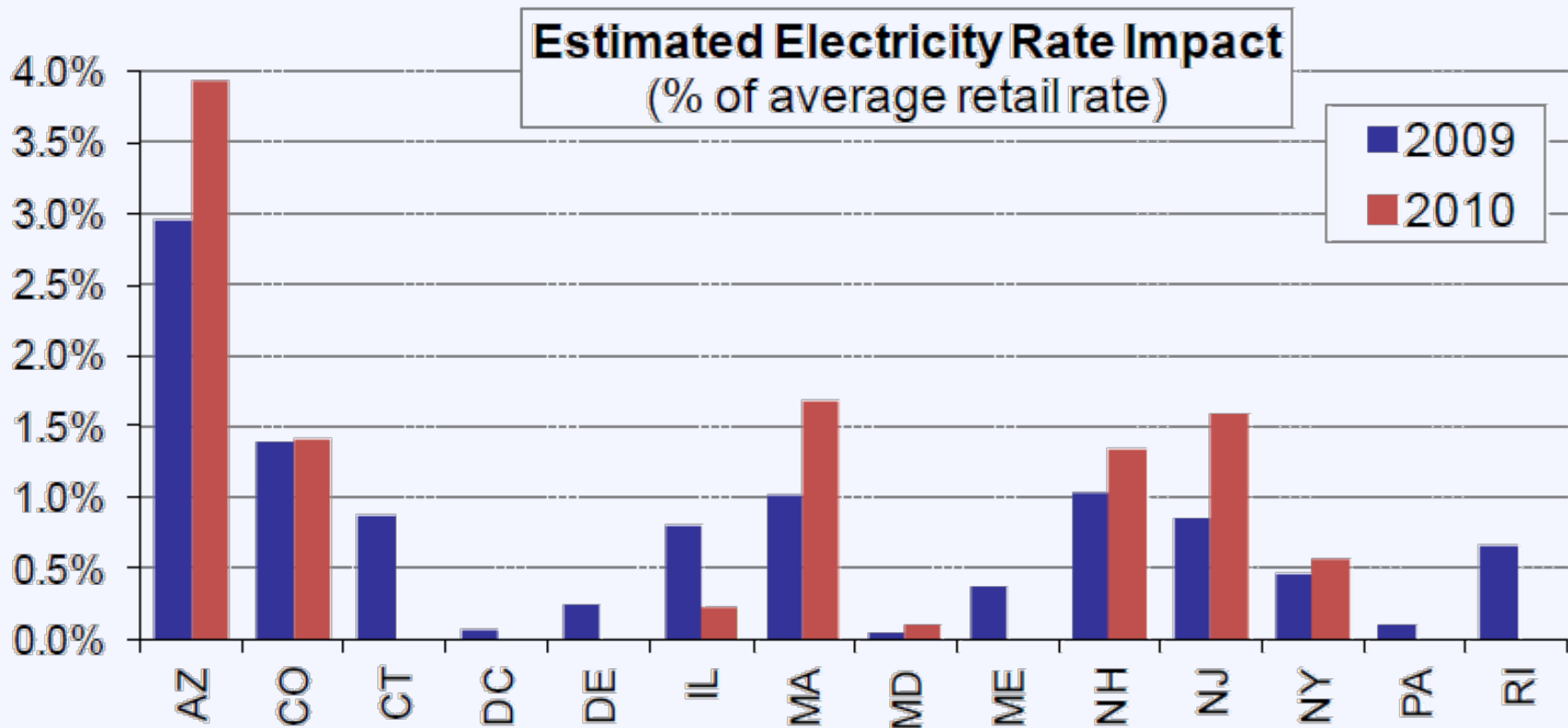
by 2015

RPS Impacts: Solar Deployment

RPS and Solar/DG Status of Top Ten Solar States by Cumulative Installed Capacity (as of Q4 2012)

| Ranks | State | RPS? | Solar/DG Provision? |
|-------|----------------|------|---------------------|
| 1 | California | Y | N |
| 2 | Arizona | Y | Y |
| 3 | New Jersey | Y | Y |
| 4 | Nevada | Y | Y |
| 5 | Colorado | Y | Y |
| 6 | North Carolina | Y | Y |
| 7 | Massachusetts | Y | Y |
| 8 | Pennsylvania | Y | Y |
| 9 | Hawaii | Y | N |
| 10 | New Mexico | Y | Y |

RPS Impacts: Retail Rates



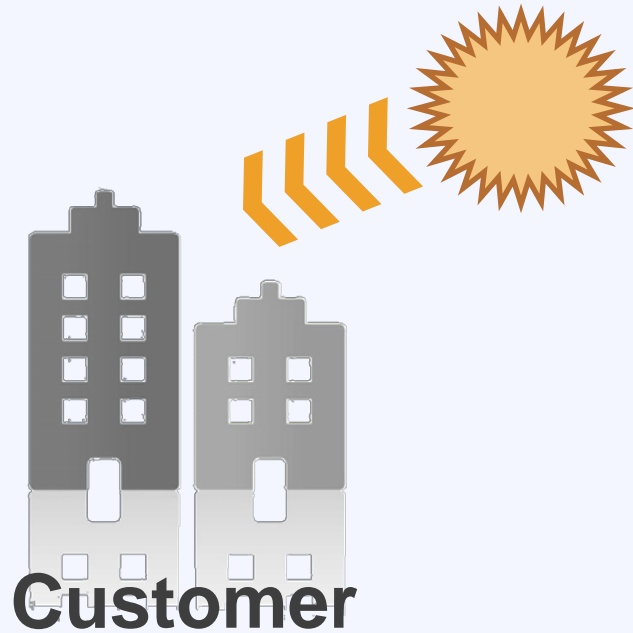
States not included if data on incremental RPS compliance costs are unavailable (CA, IA, HI, MN, MT, NC, NM, NV, OH, TX, WI) or if RPS did not apply in 2009-10 (KS, MI, MO, OR, WA).

Net Metering

Net metering allows customers to export power to the grid during times of excess generation, and receive credits that can be applied to later electricity usage

Net Metering: Overview

Morning



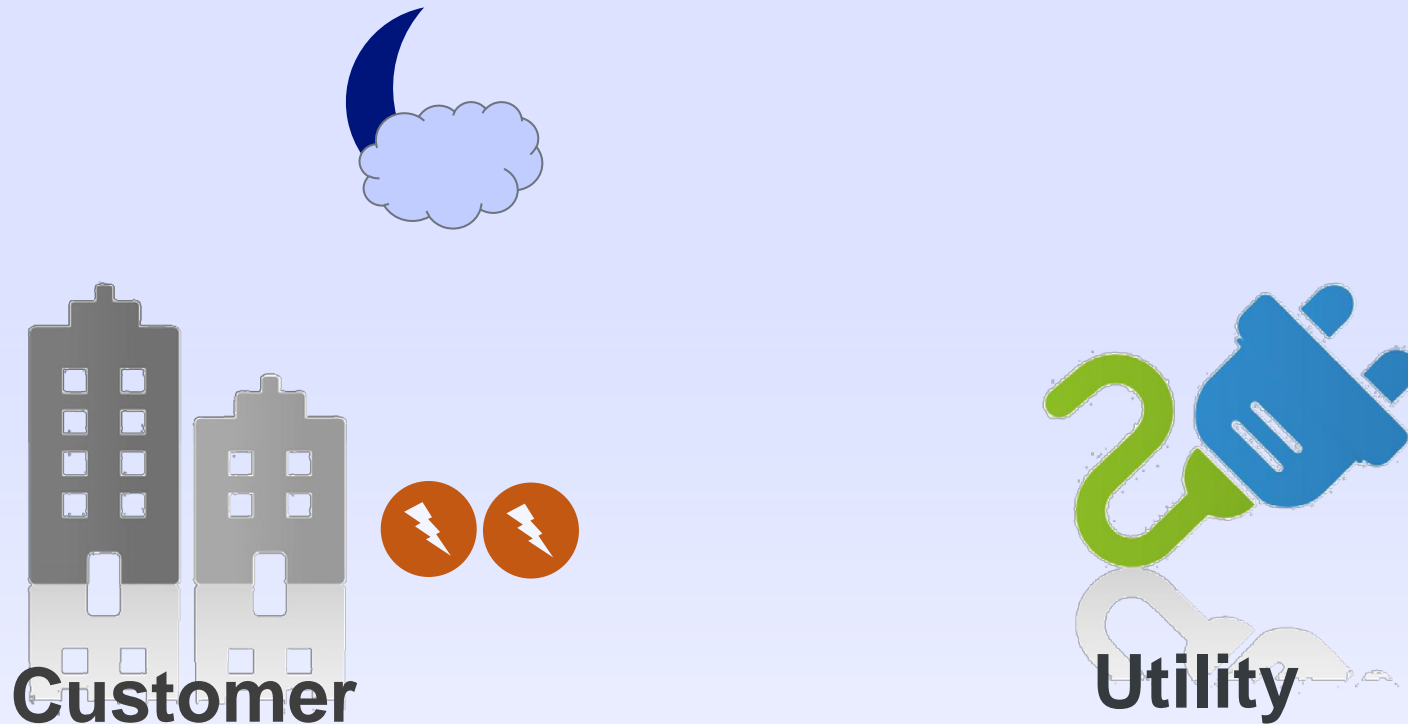
Net Metering: Overview

Afternoon



Net Metering: Overview

Night



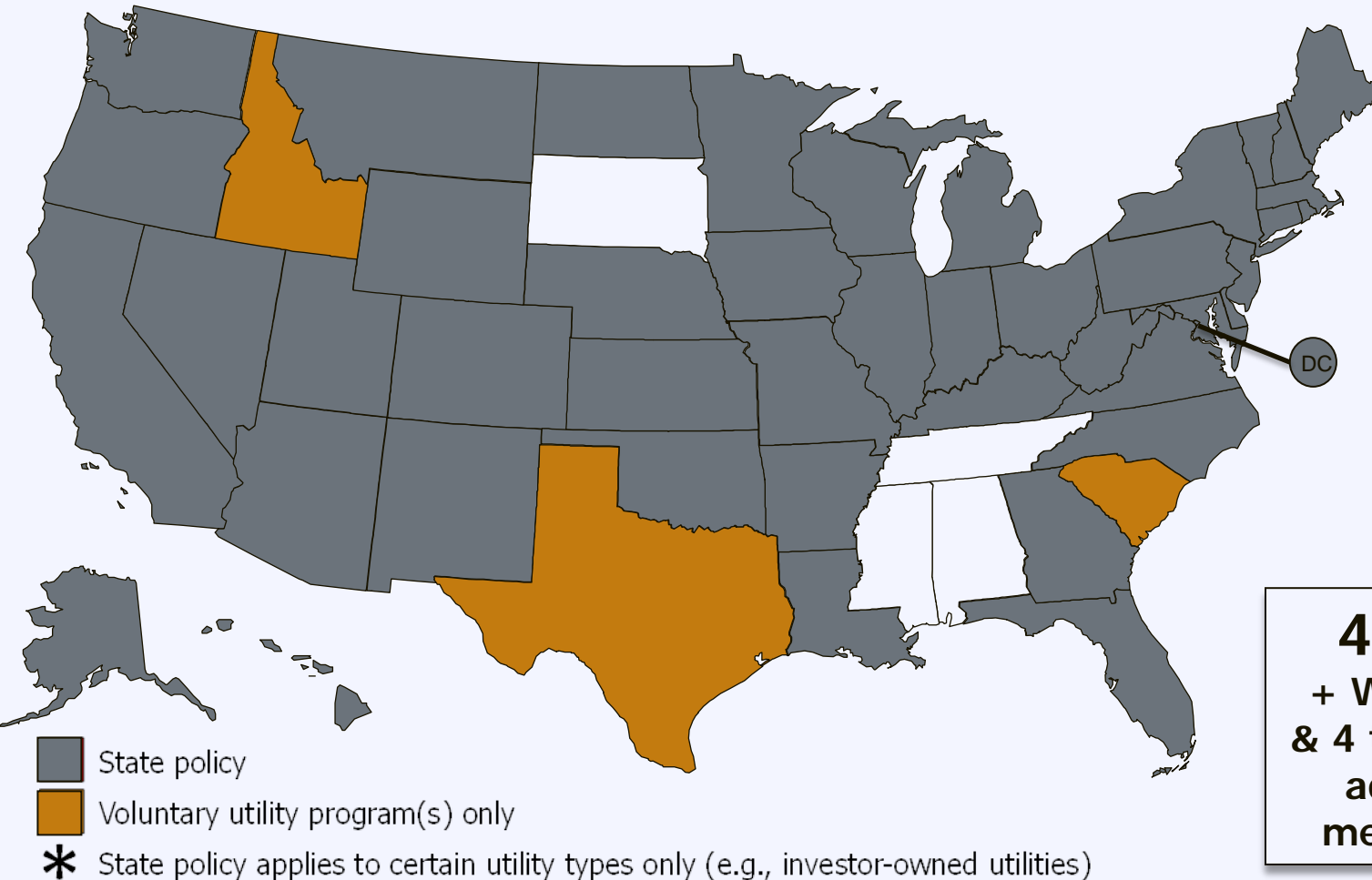
Solar covers 100% of the customer's load, even at night!

Net Metering: Market Share

More than **93%** of distributed
PV Installations are net-metered

Net Metering: State Policies

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**43 states
+ Washington DC
& 4 territories have
adopted a net
metering policy**

Note: Numbers indicate individual system capacity limit in kilowatts. Some limits vary by customer type, technology and/or application. Other limits might also apply. This map generally does not address statutory changes until administrative rules have been adopted to implement such changes.

Net Metering in Oklahoma: Rules/Applicability

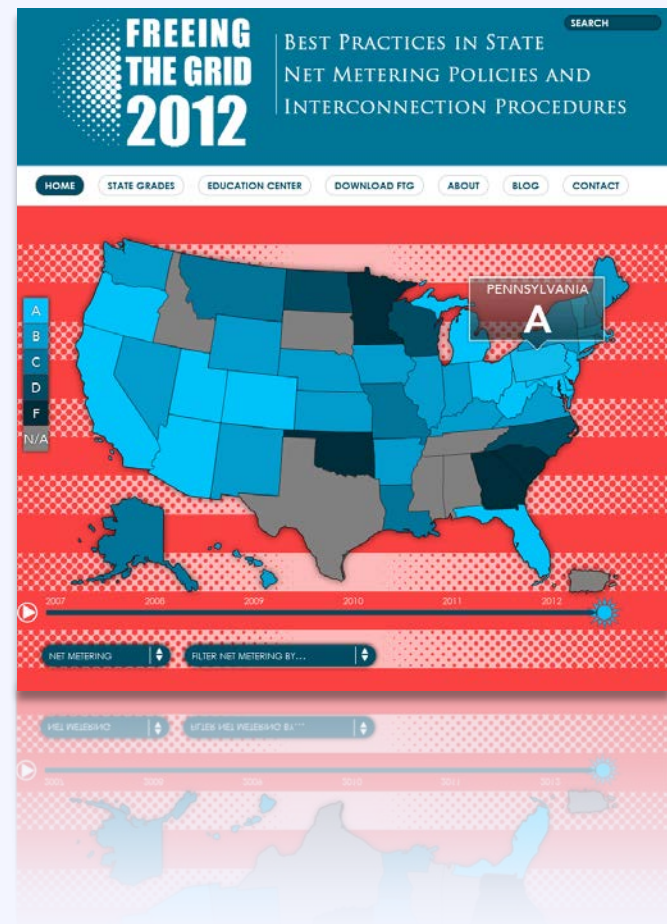
- Applies to all investor-owned utilities and some electric cooperatives
- However...
 - Municipalities are not required to offer net metering.
 - Net metering is only required for systems under 100 kW or 25,000 kWh/year, whichever is less (although OG&E allows for up to 300 kW).
 - Customers may ask for their utility to purchase their net excess generation, but utilities are not required to purchase it.
 - Purchase is only permitted at the avoided cost (wholesale) rate, not at the retail rate.

Net Metering: Resources

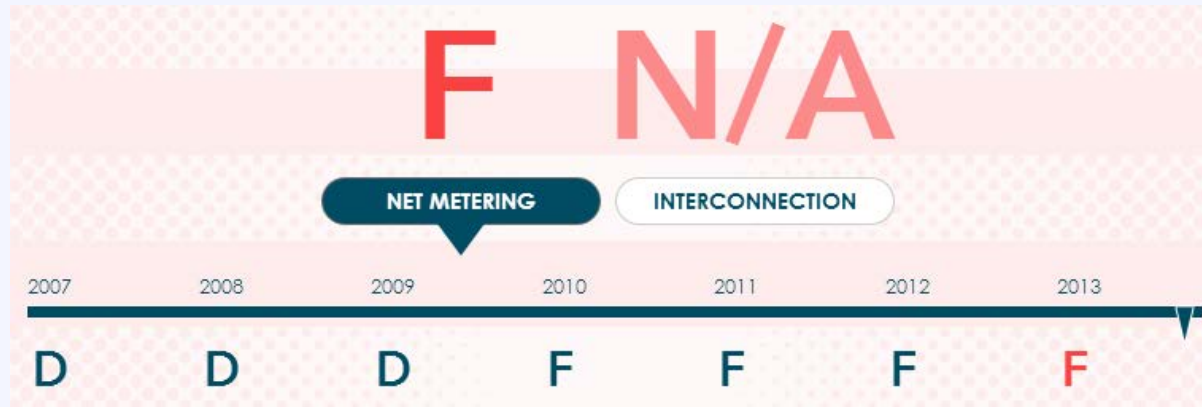
Resource **Freeing the Grid**

Provides a “report card” for state policy on net metering and interconnection

<http://freeingthegrid.org/>



Net Metering: Oklahoma



Oklahoma Net Metering Policy:



Credit Value

Avoided Cost Rate



Credit Rollover

Varies by Utility



System Capacity Limit

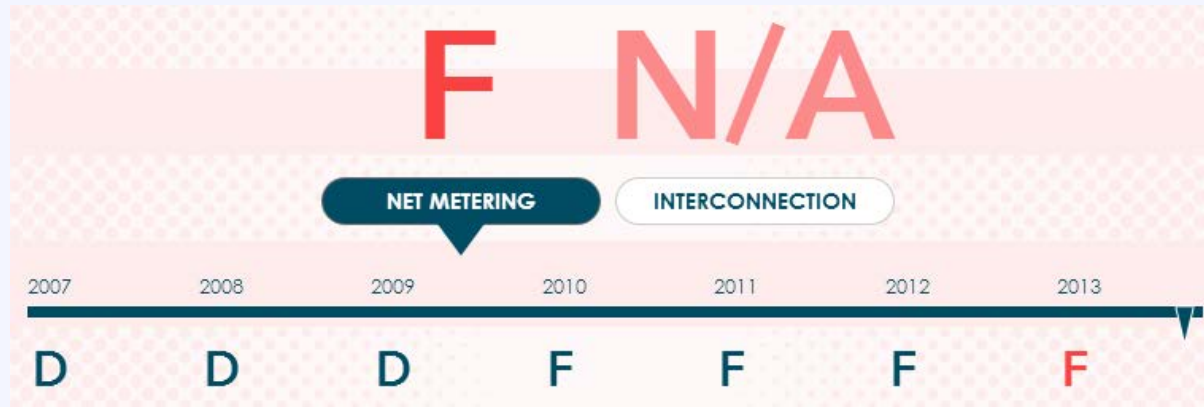
100 kW



Aggregate Limit

None

Net Metering: Oklahoma



Freeing the Grid Recommendations:



Credit Value

Avoided Retail Cost Rate



Credit Rollover

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Month-to-Month



System Capacity Limit

~~100 kW~~ No Limit

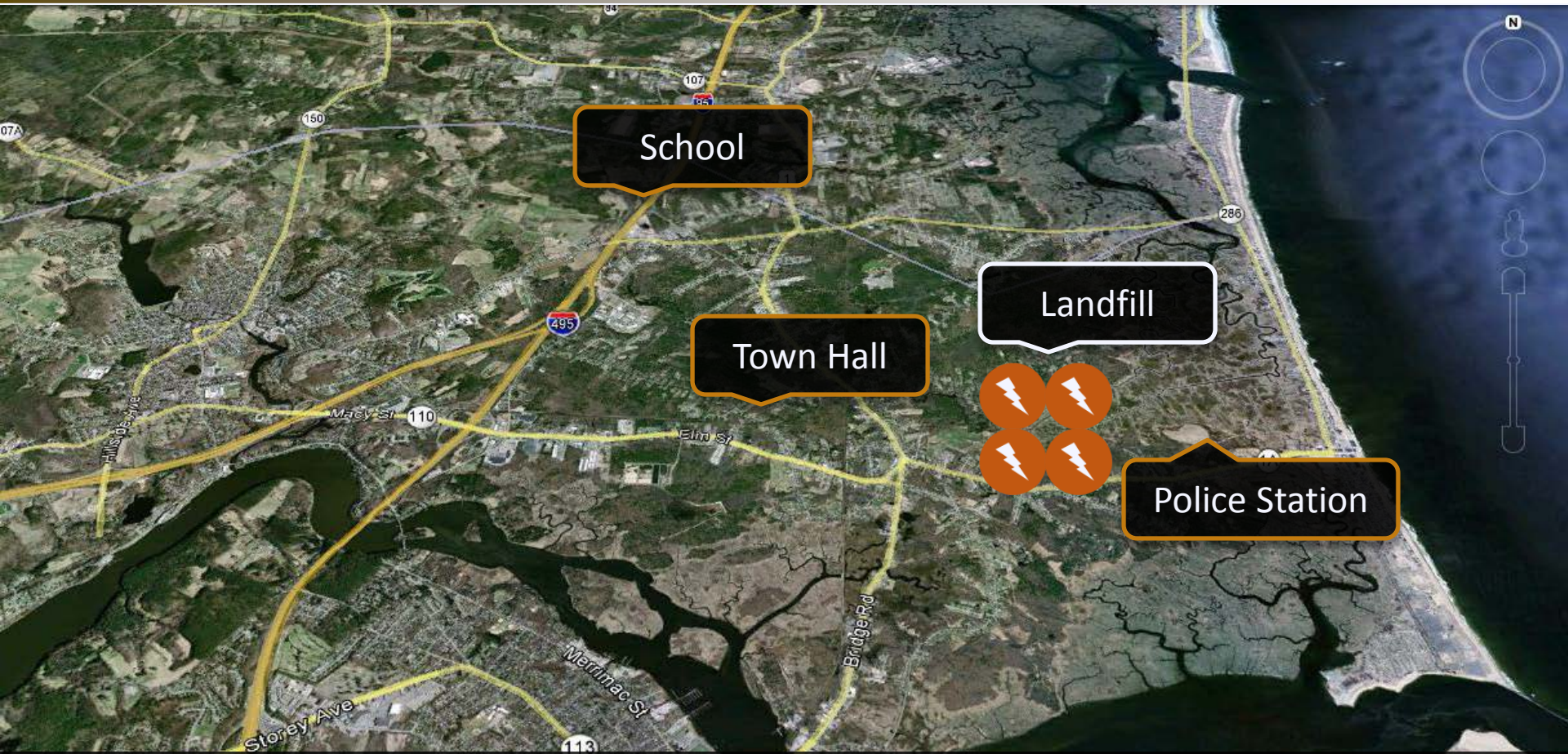


REC Ownership

~~Not Addressed~~

Customer Ownership

Net Metering: Virtual



No direct connection necessary

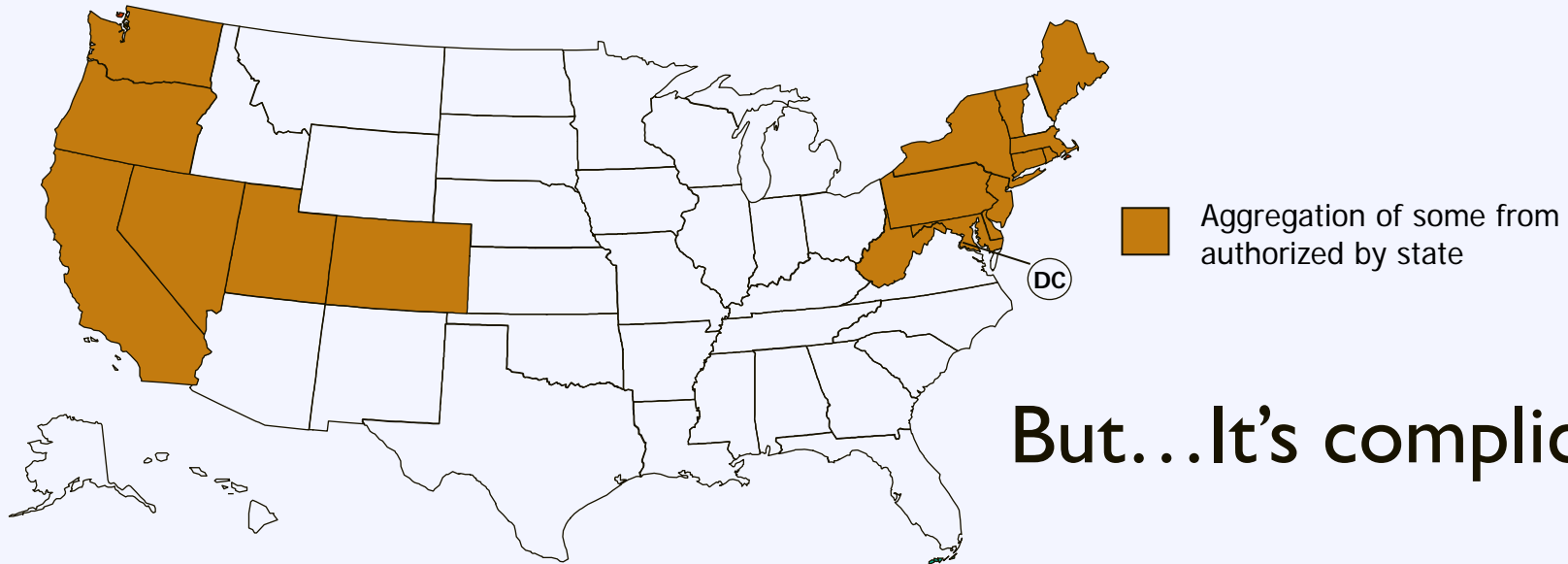
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Google earth

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Eye alt: 25725 ft

Net Metering: Meter Aggregation



But...It's complicated

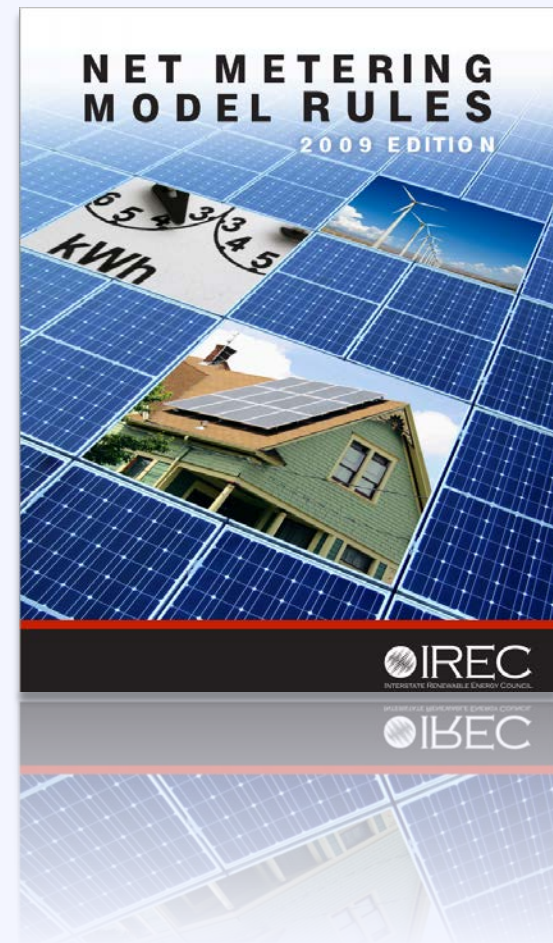
- Ownership requirements
- Contiguous vs. non-contiguous properties
- Multiple customers
- Multiple generators
- Modified system/aggregate system size limits
- Rollover rates
- Distance limitations
- Number of accounts
- How to address accounts on different tariffs

Net Metering: Resources

Resource Interstate Renewable Energy Council

IREC developed its model rules in an effort to capture best practices in state net metering policies.

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Solar Access Laws:

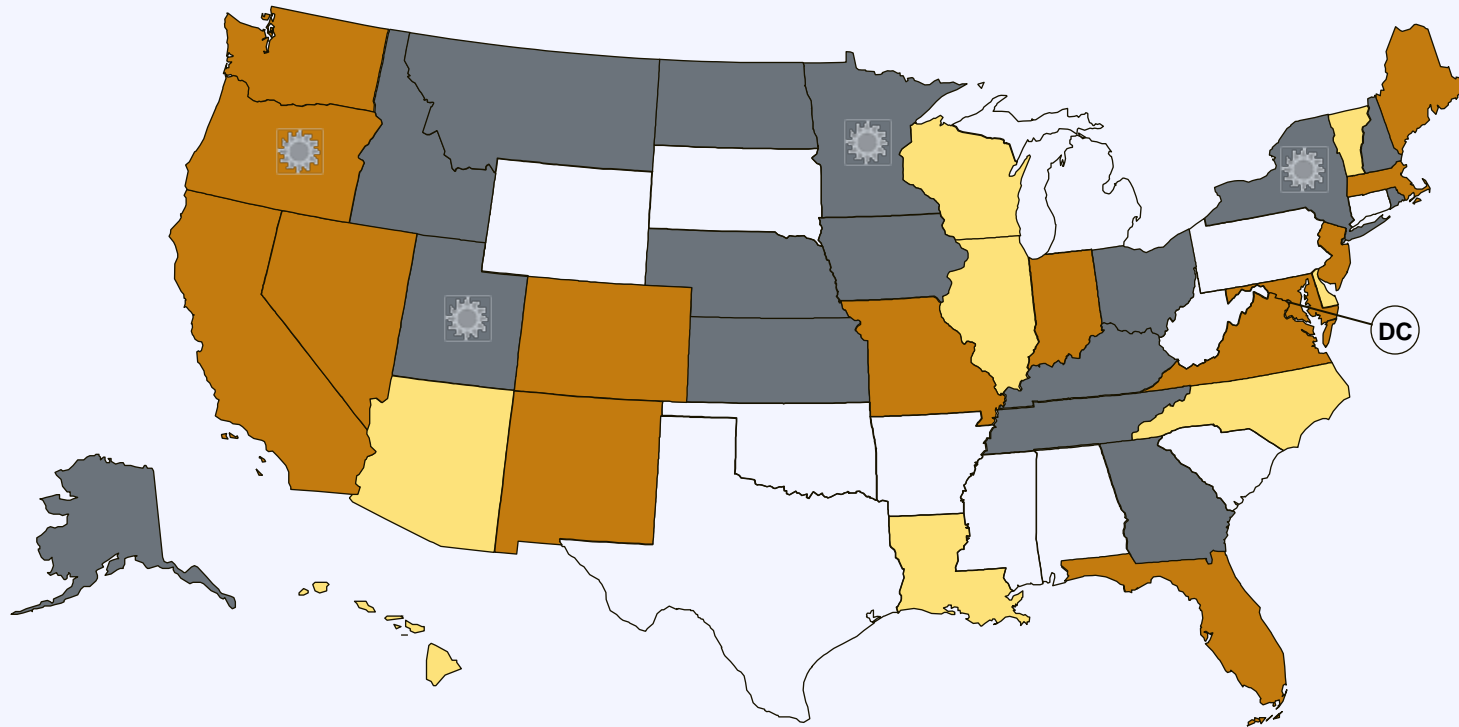
1. Increase the likelihood that properties will receive sunlight
2. Protect the rights of property owners to install solar
3. Reduce the risk that systems will be shaded after installation

Fontainebleau V. Eden Roc (1959)



A landowner does not have any legal right to the free flow of light and air across the adjoining land of his neighbor

Solar Access



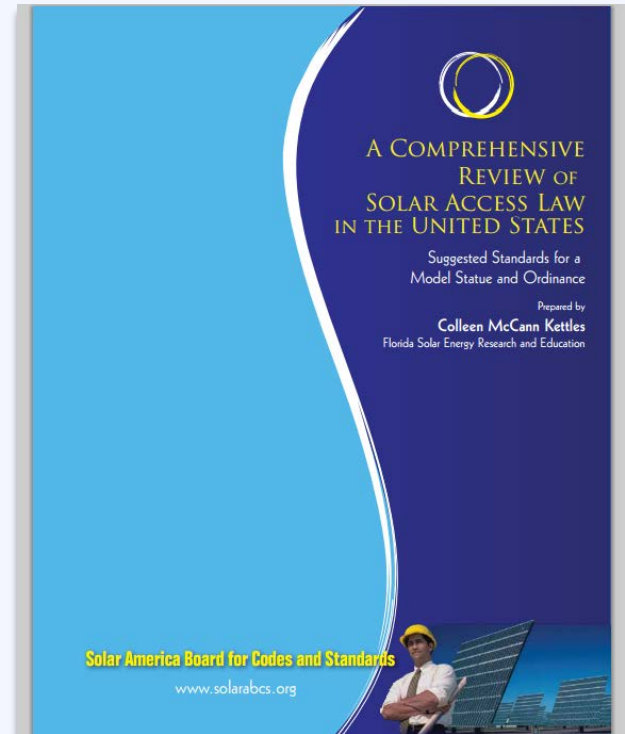
-  Solar Easements Provision
-  Solar Rights Provision
-  Solar Easements and Solar Rights Provisions
-  Local option to create solar rights provision
-  U.S. Virgin Islands

Solar Access

Resource Solar ABCs

A comprehensive review of solar access law in the US – Suggested standards for a model ordinance

www.solarabcs.org



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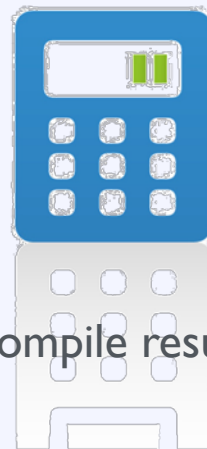
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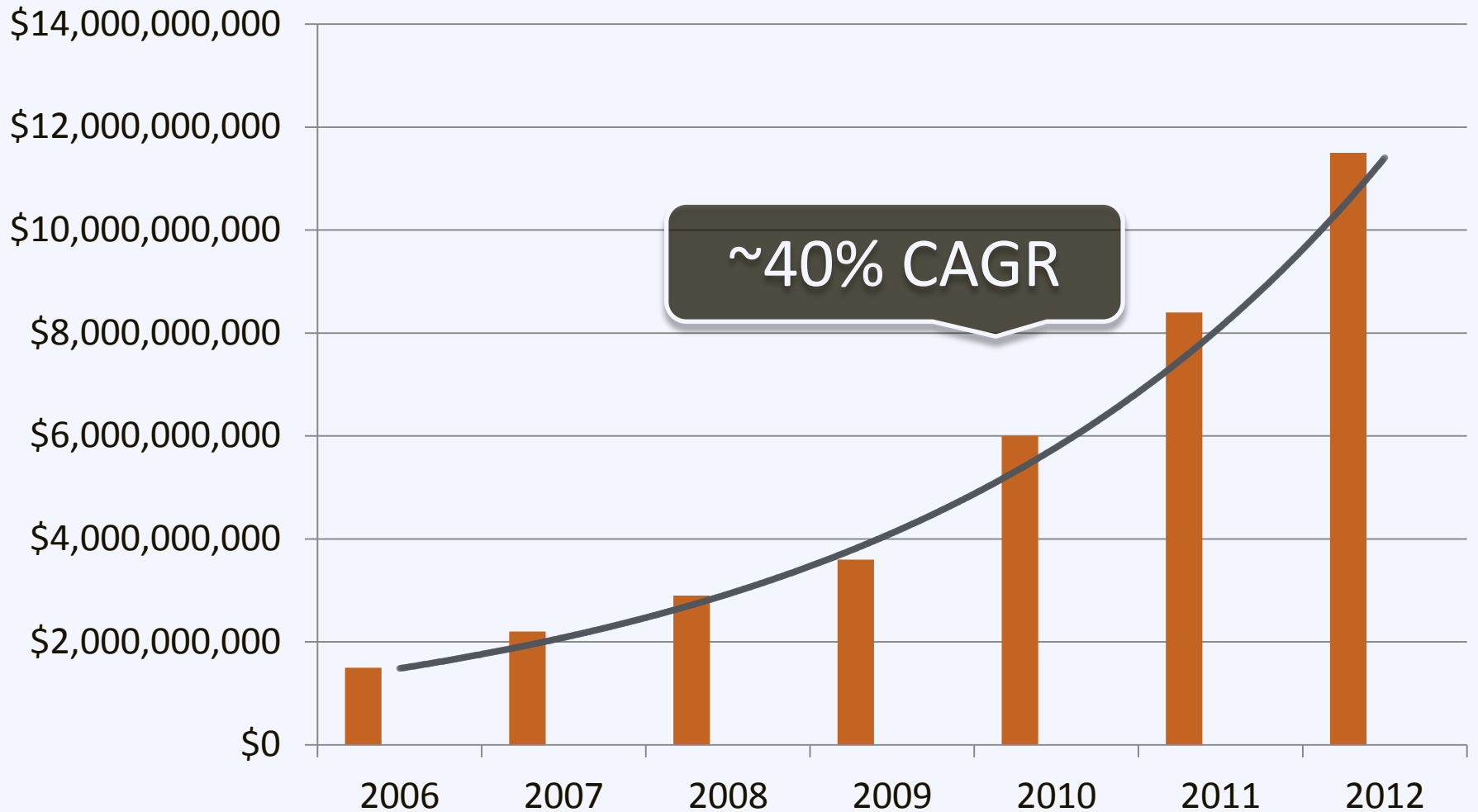
Group discussion

Benefits of Solar Energy

- Local economy growth
- Local jobs
- Energy independence
- Stabilizes price volatility
- Valuable to utilities
- Smart investment

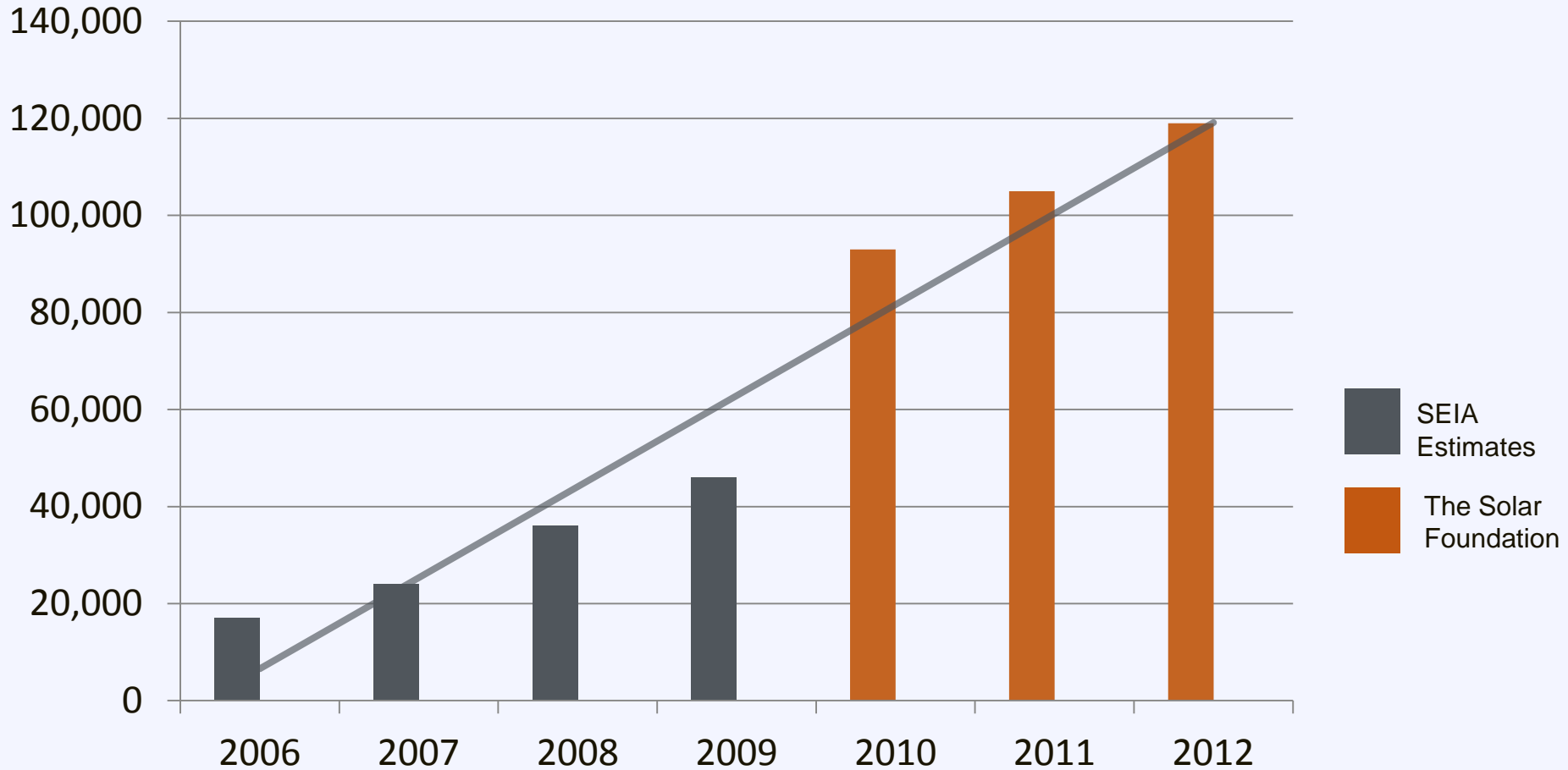


Benefit: Economic Growth



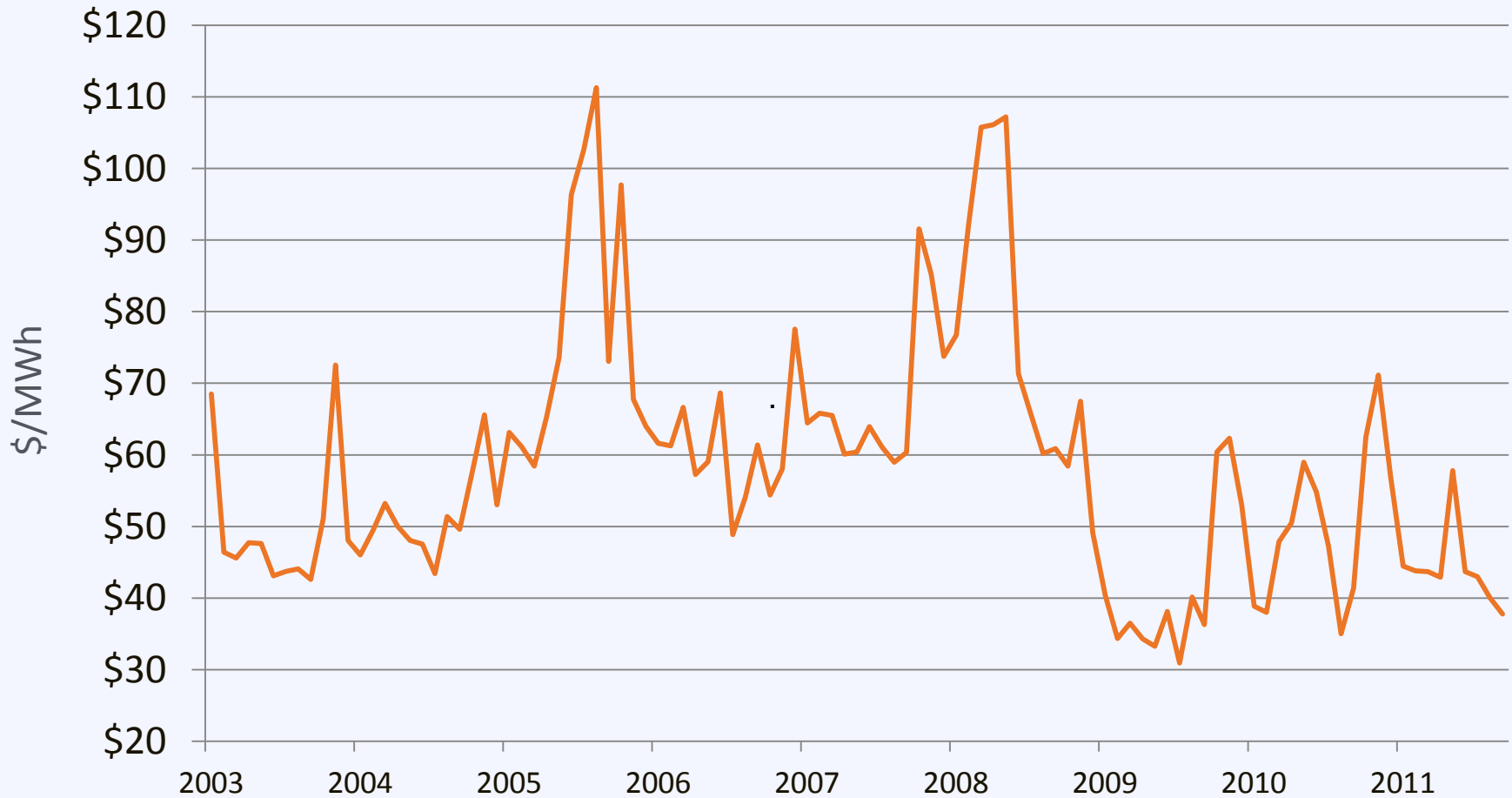
Benefit: Job Growth

Solar Job Growth in the US



Benefit: Stabilize Energy Prices

Boston Area Average Wholesale Price



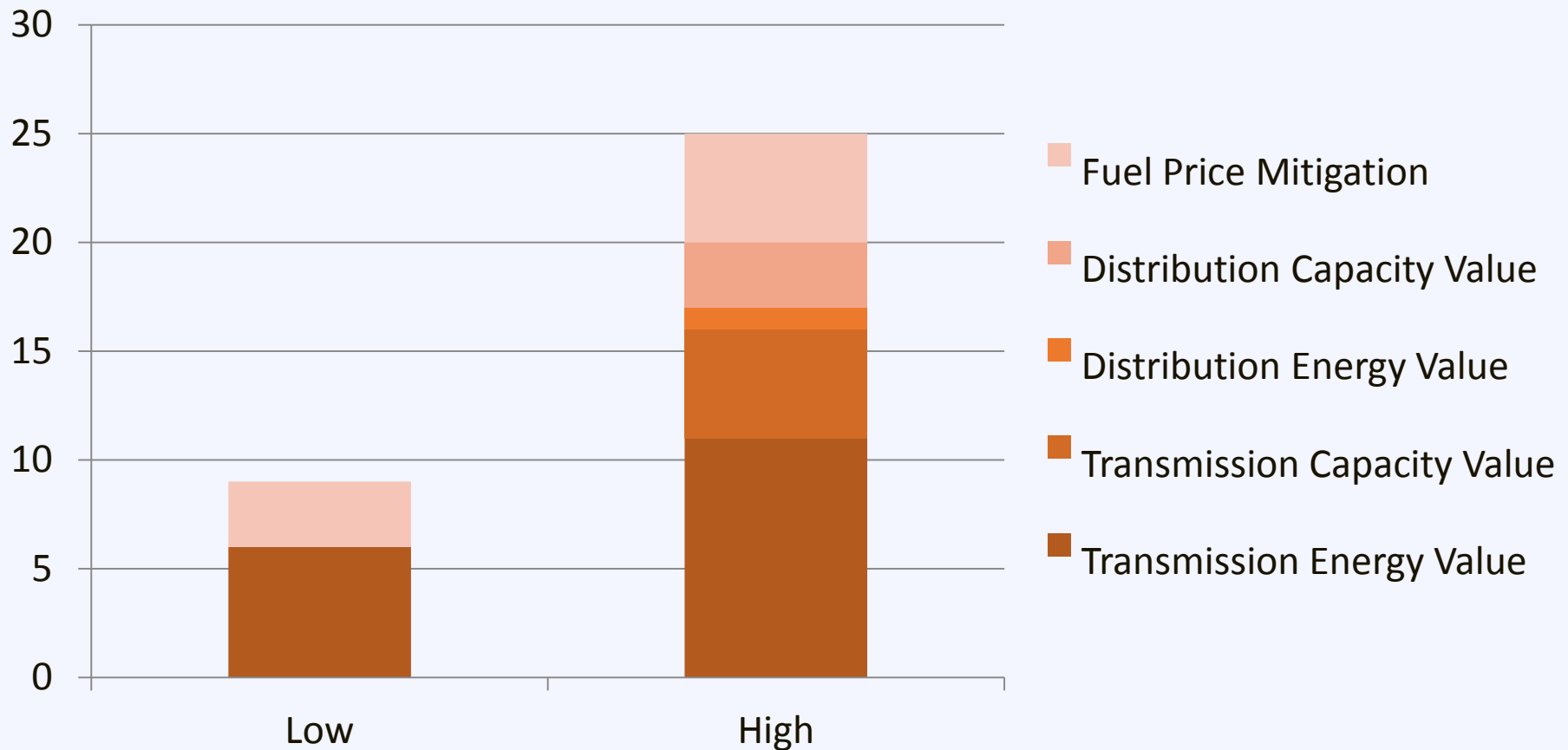
Benefits: Valuable to Utilities

- Avoided Energy Purchases
- Avoided T&D Line Losses
- Avoided Capacity Purchases
- Avoided T&D Investments
- Fossil Fuel Price Impacts
- Backup Power



Benefits: Valuable to Utilities

Value to the utility is **10 to 25 cents** beyond the value of the electricity



Benefit: Smart Investment for Homes

From NREL:

Solar homes sold

20% faster


and for

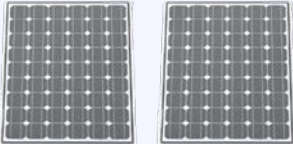
17% more

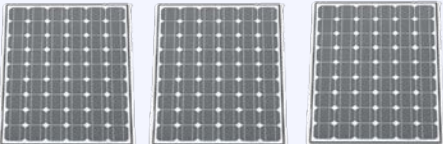
than the equivalent non-solar homes
in surveyed California subdivisions

Benefit: Smart Investment for Homes

From SunRun:

3 kW  = \$ 16,500 *added sale premium*

6 kW  = \$ 33,000 *added sale premium*

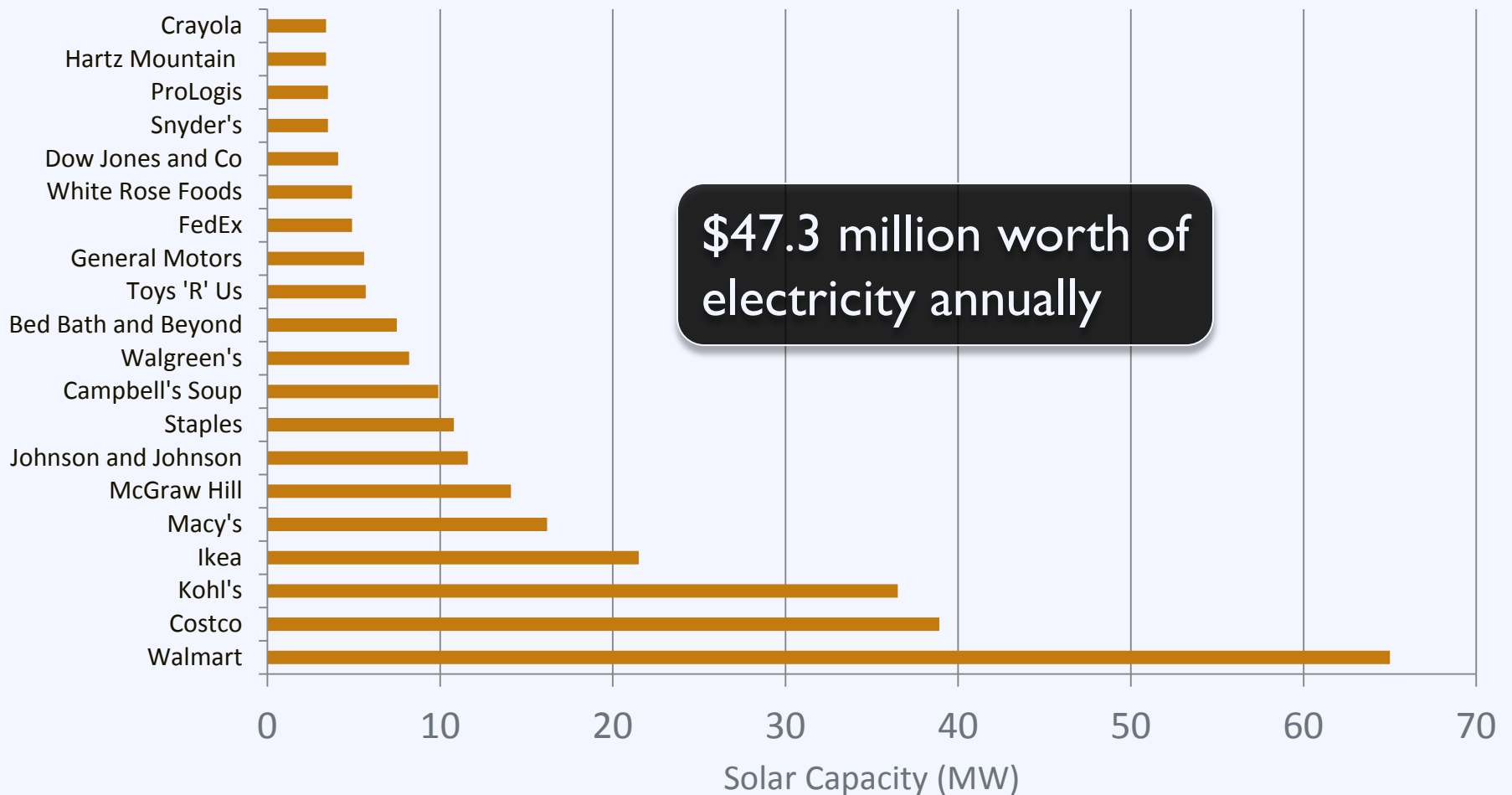
9 kW  = \$ 49,500 *added sale premium*

Benefit: Smart Investment for Business



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Top 20 Companies by Solar Capacity



Benefit: Smart Investment for Government



Activity: Addressing Barriers

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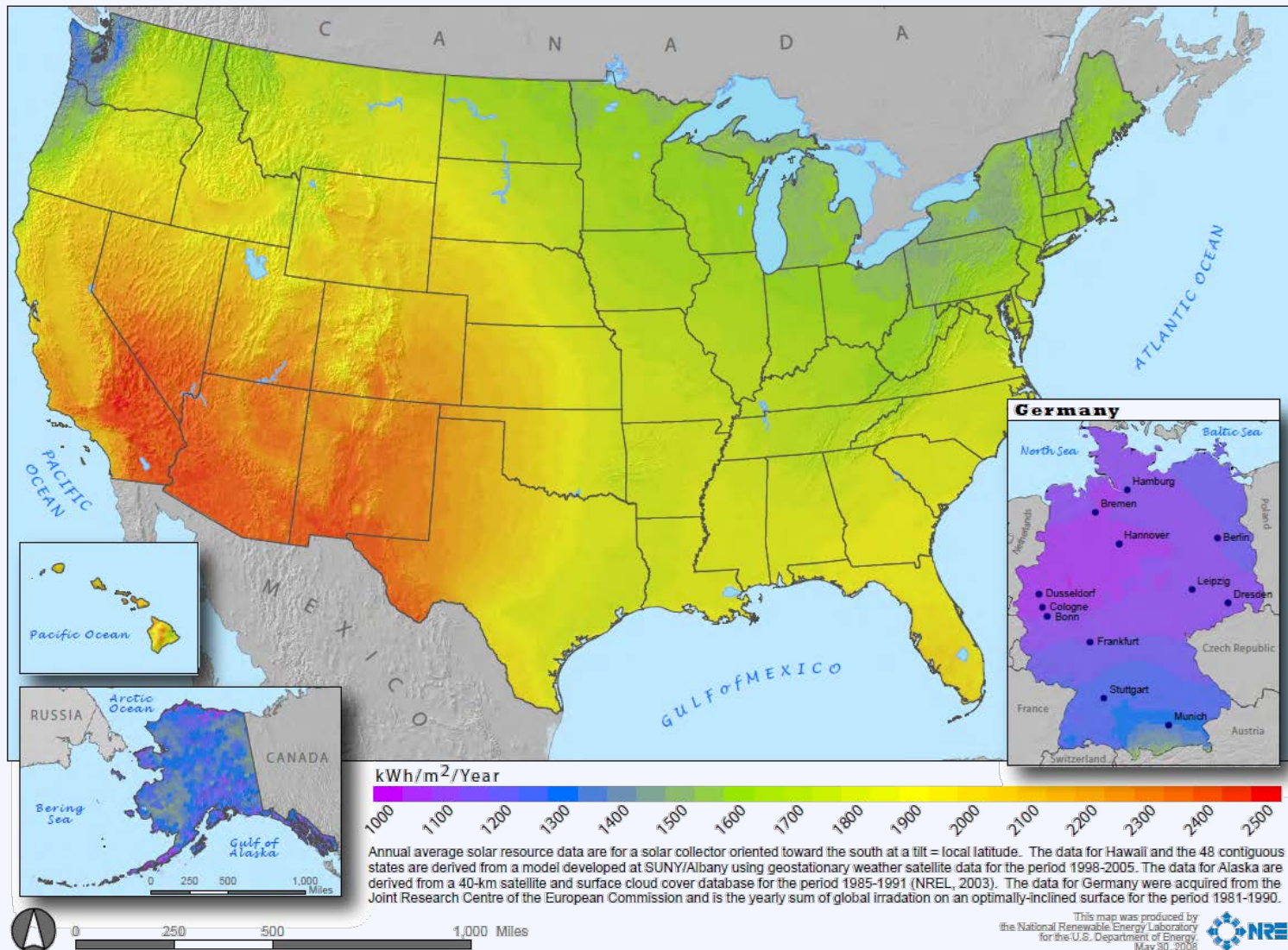
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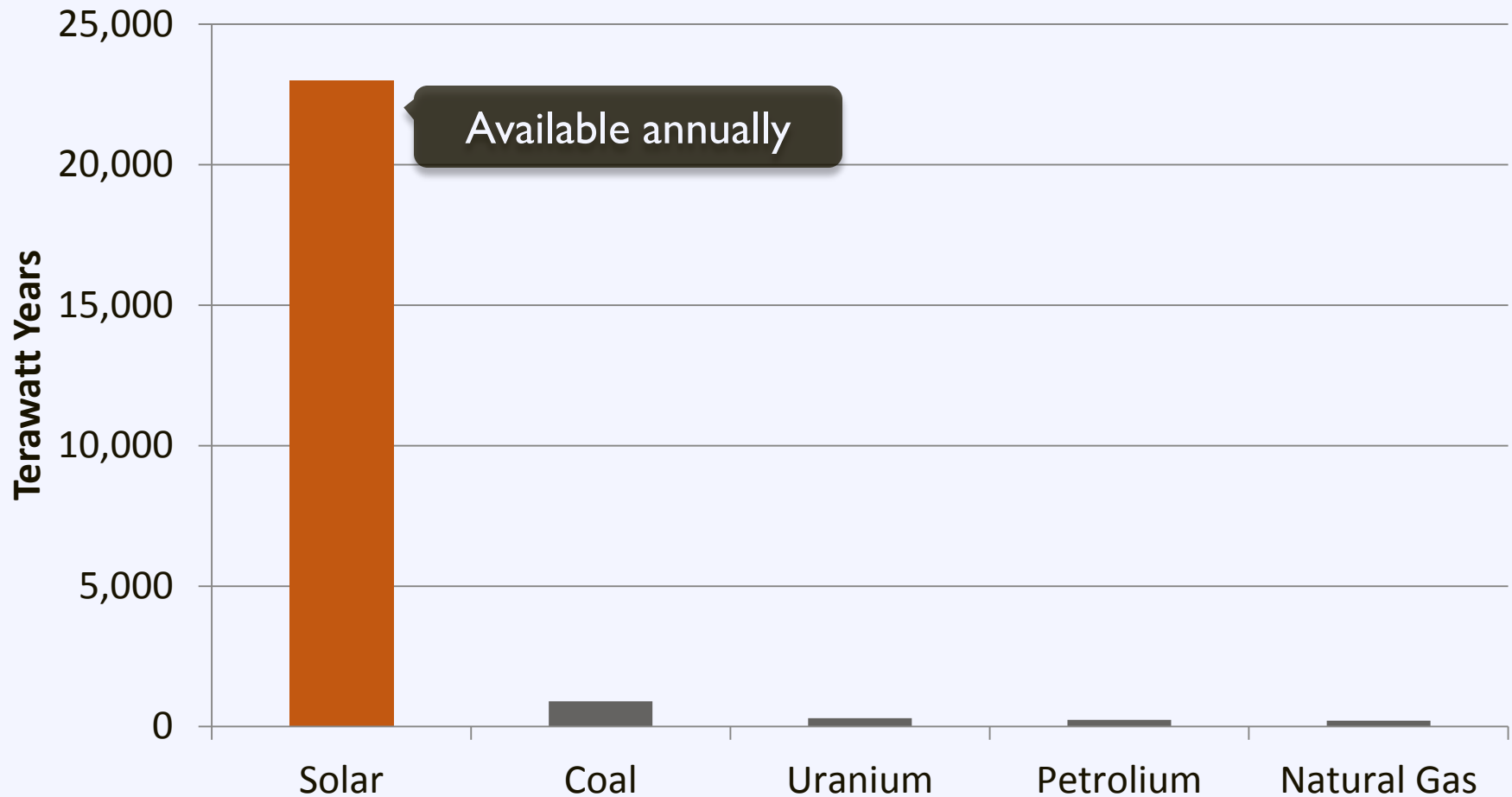
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Fact: Solar works across the US



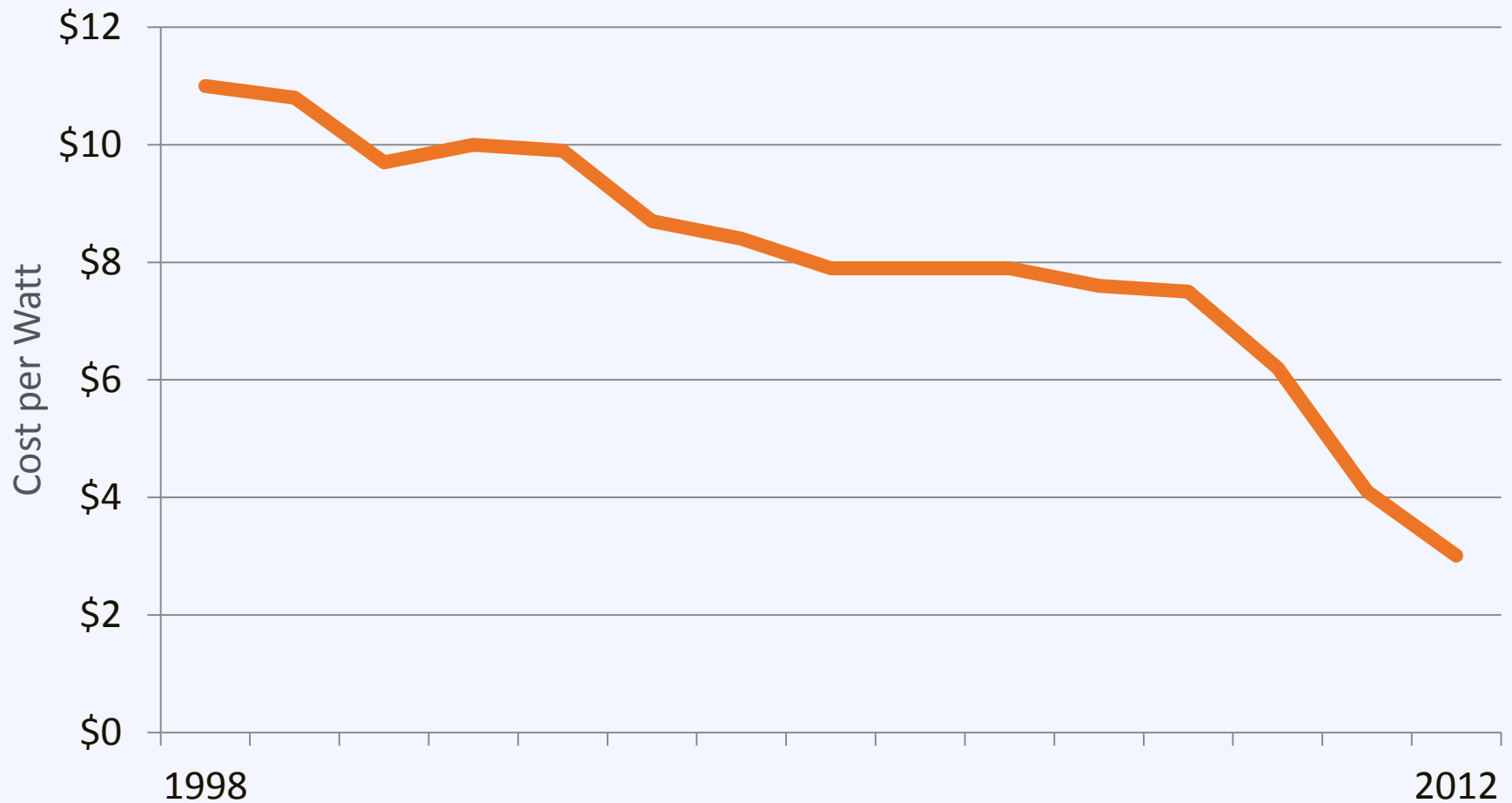
Fact: Solar is a ubiquitous resource

Resource Availability

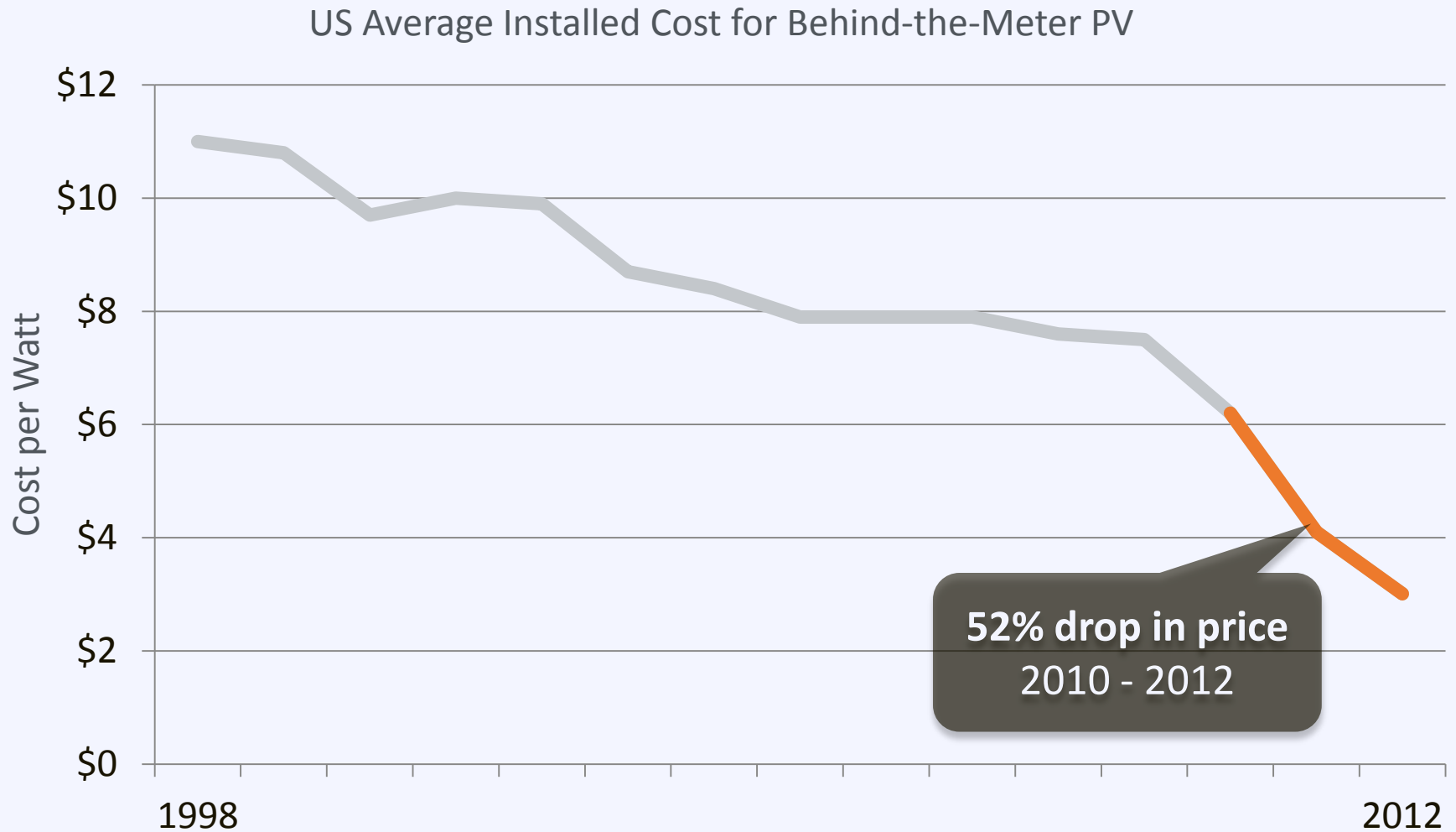


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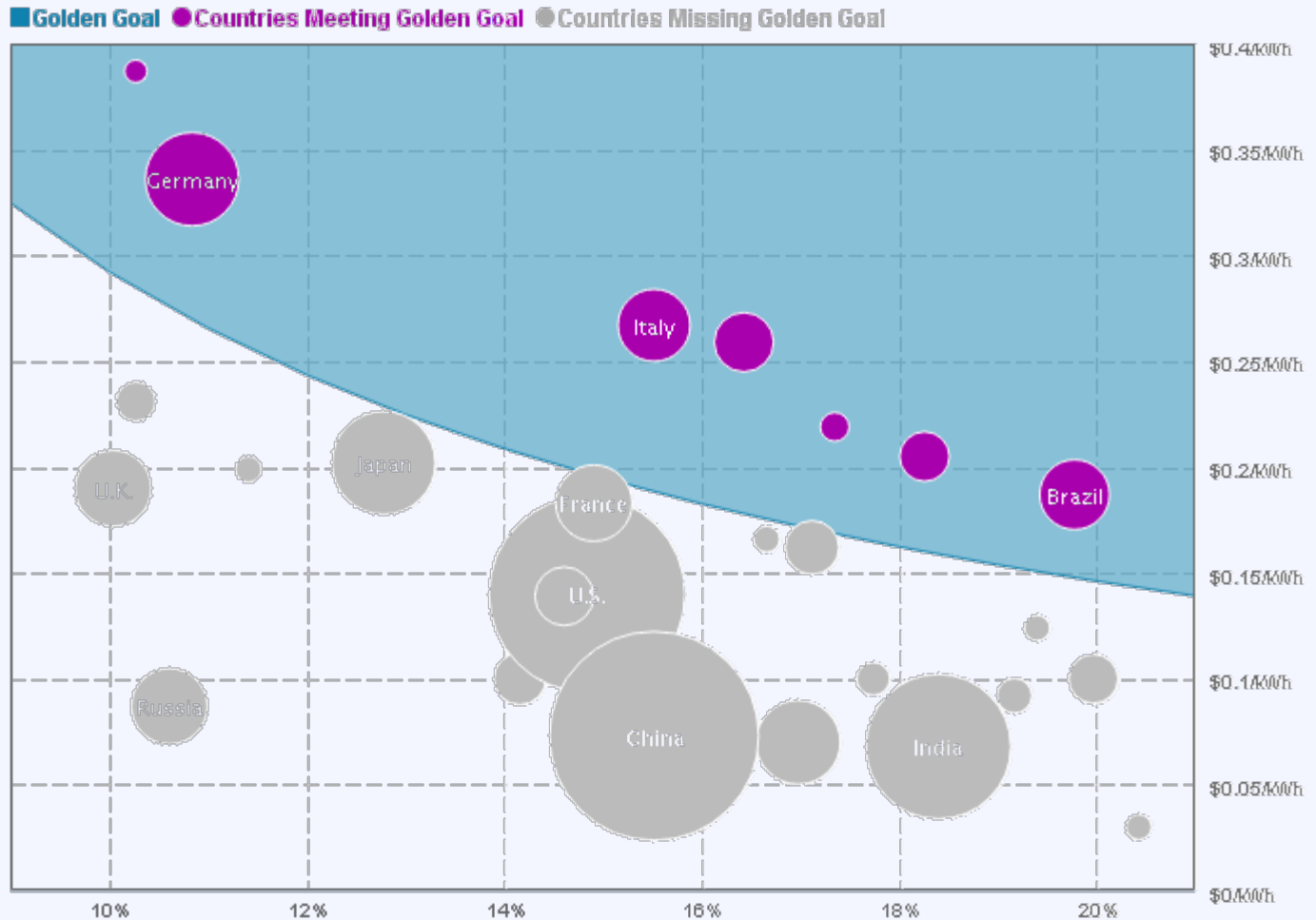


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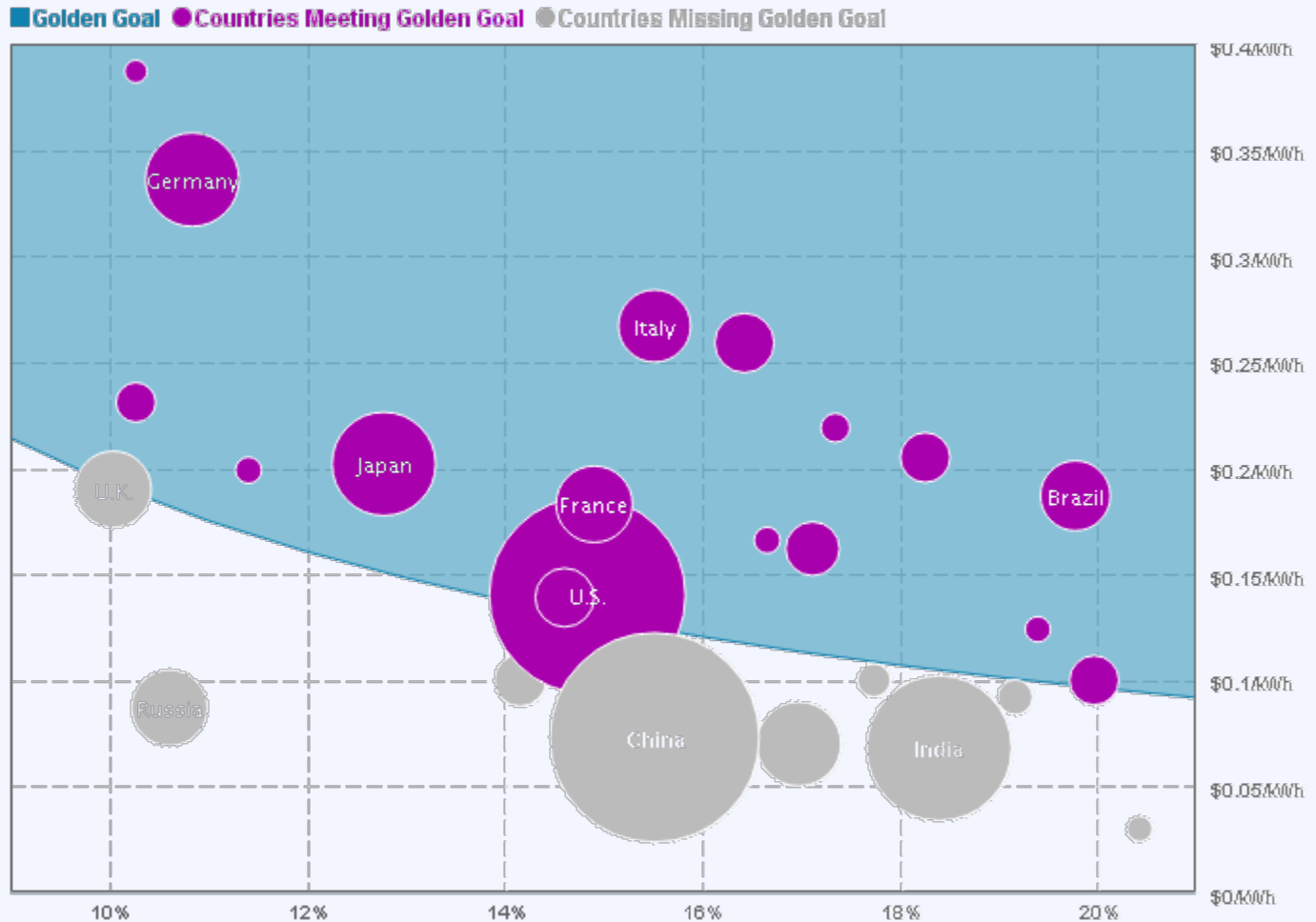
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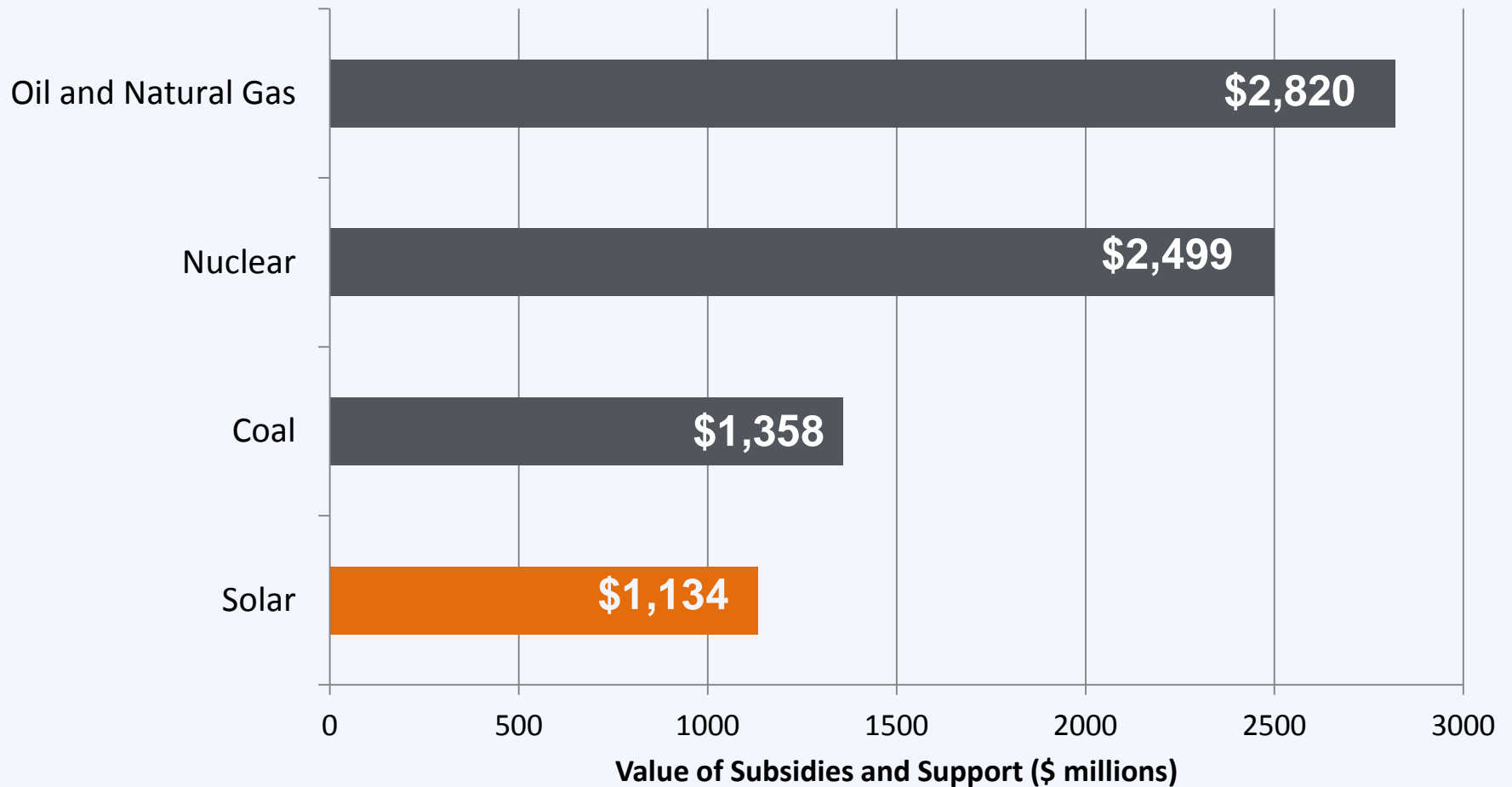
Fact: Solar is cost competitive

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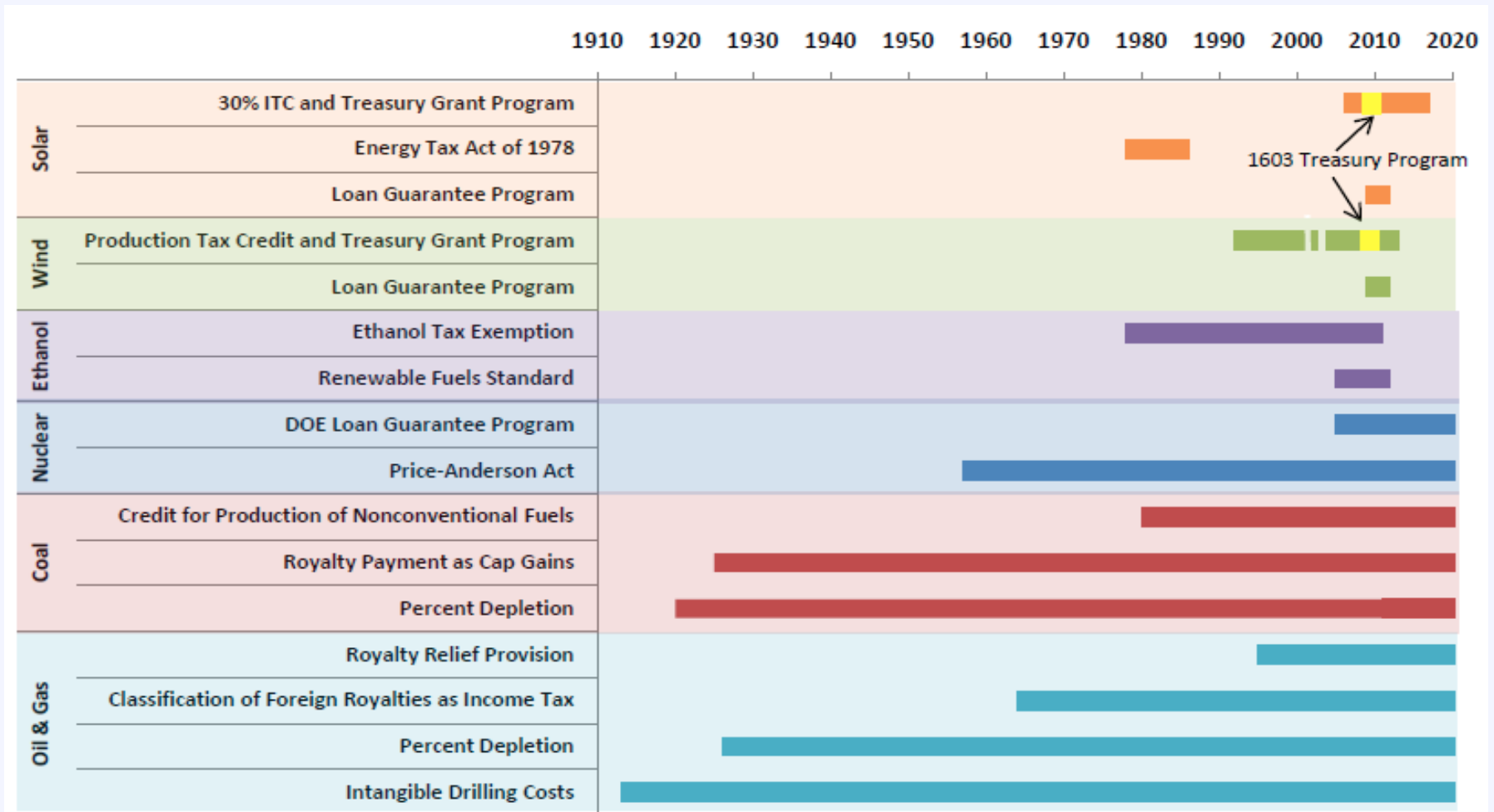


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Subsidies for Conventional and Solar Energy, 2010

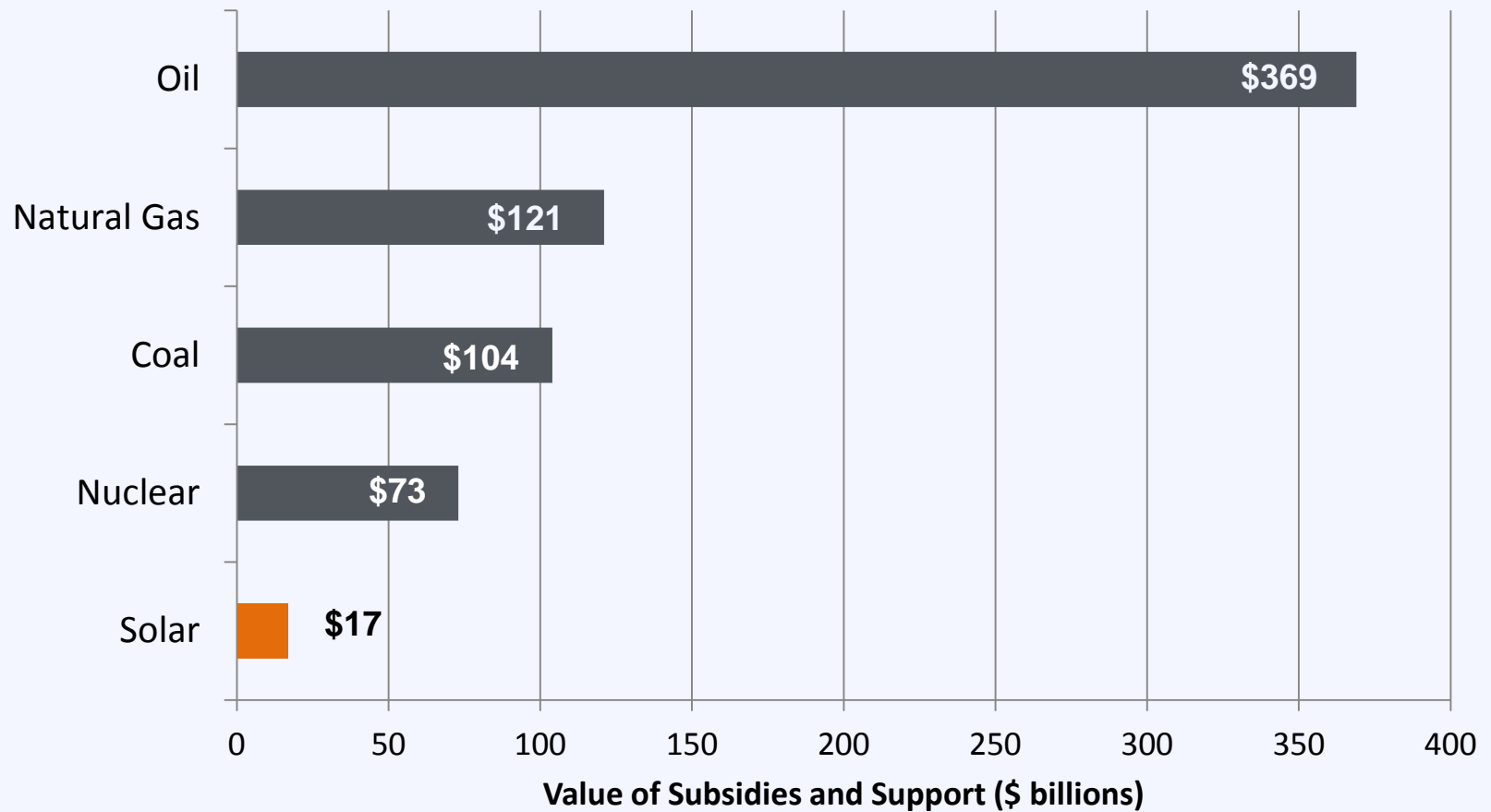


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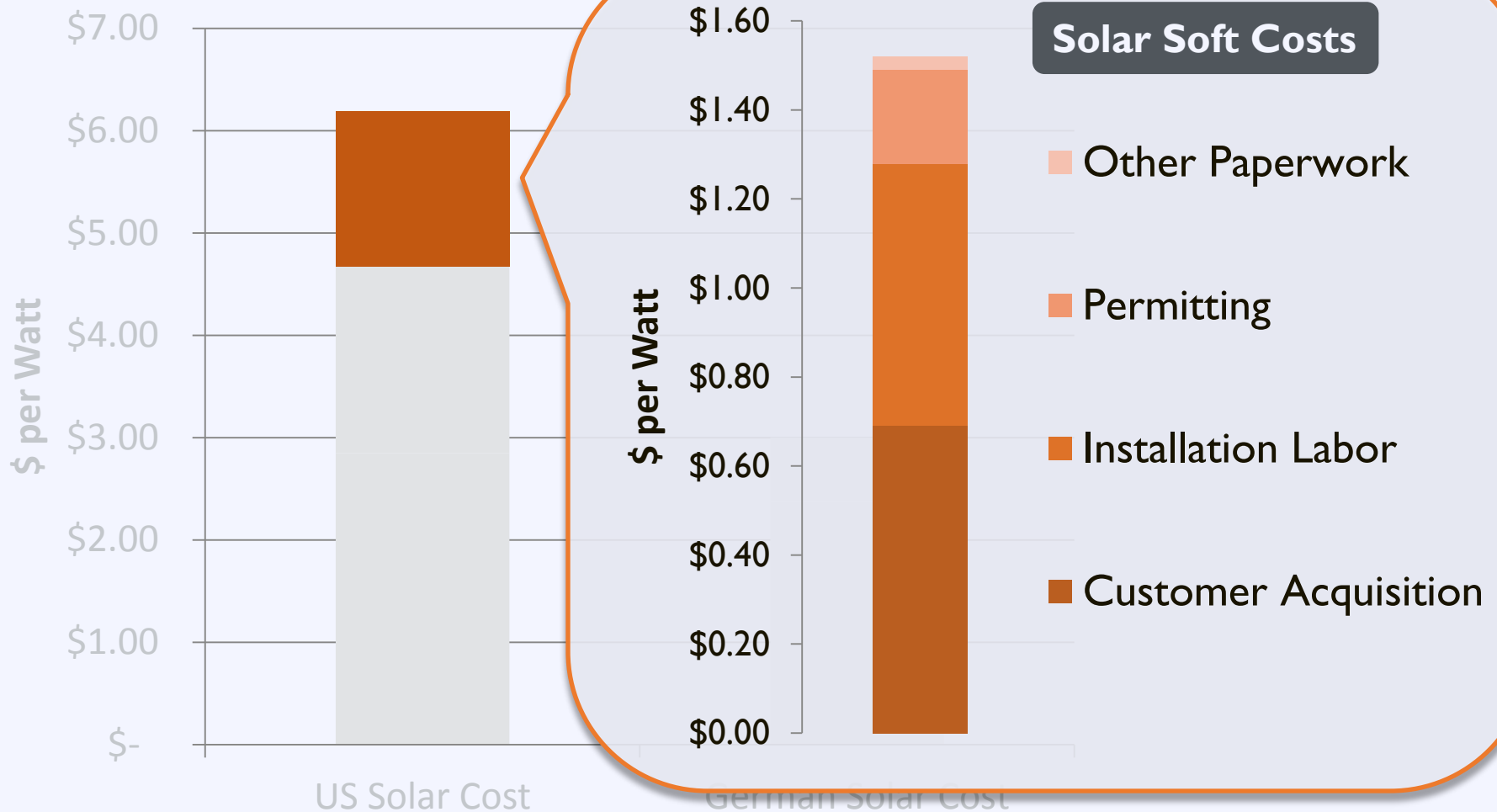
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The Cost of Solar in the US

Comparison of US and German Solar Costs



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Time to Installation



**New York City's
Goal**

100 days

from inception to completion



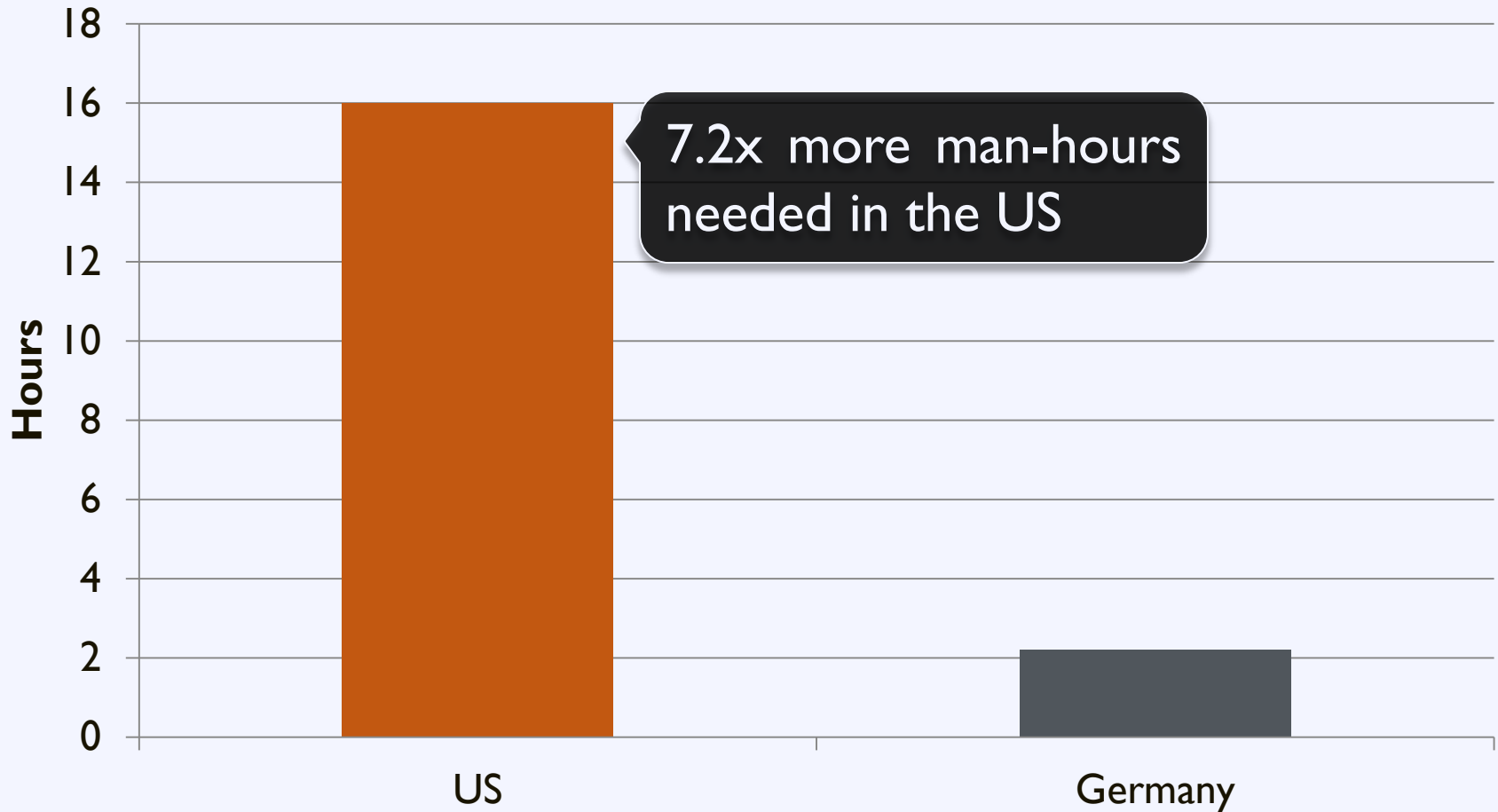
**Germany
Today**

8 days

from inception to completion

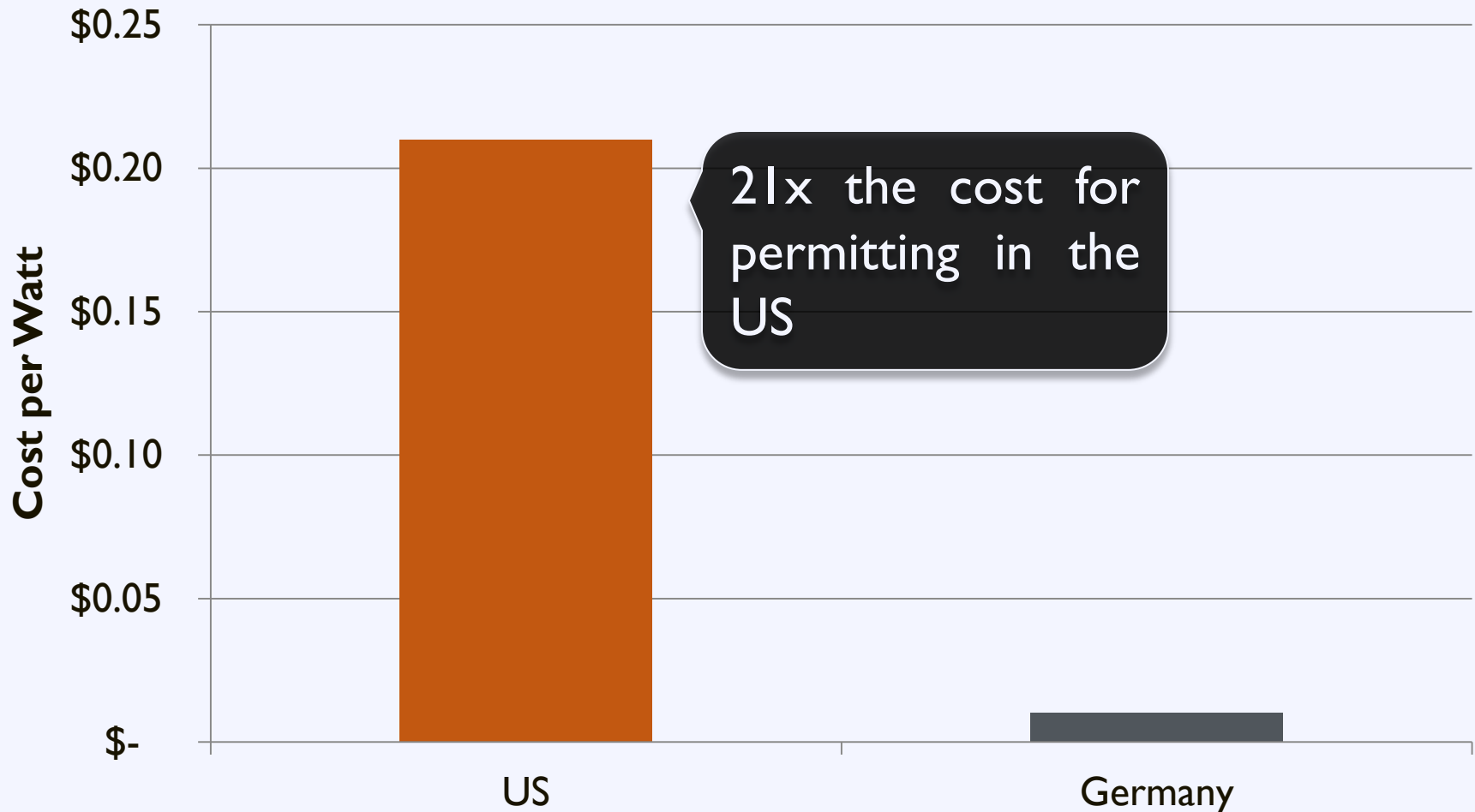
Time to Installation

Average Time to Permit a Solar Installation



Permitting Costs

Average Cost of Permitting in the US and Germany



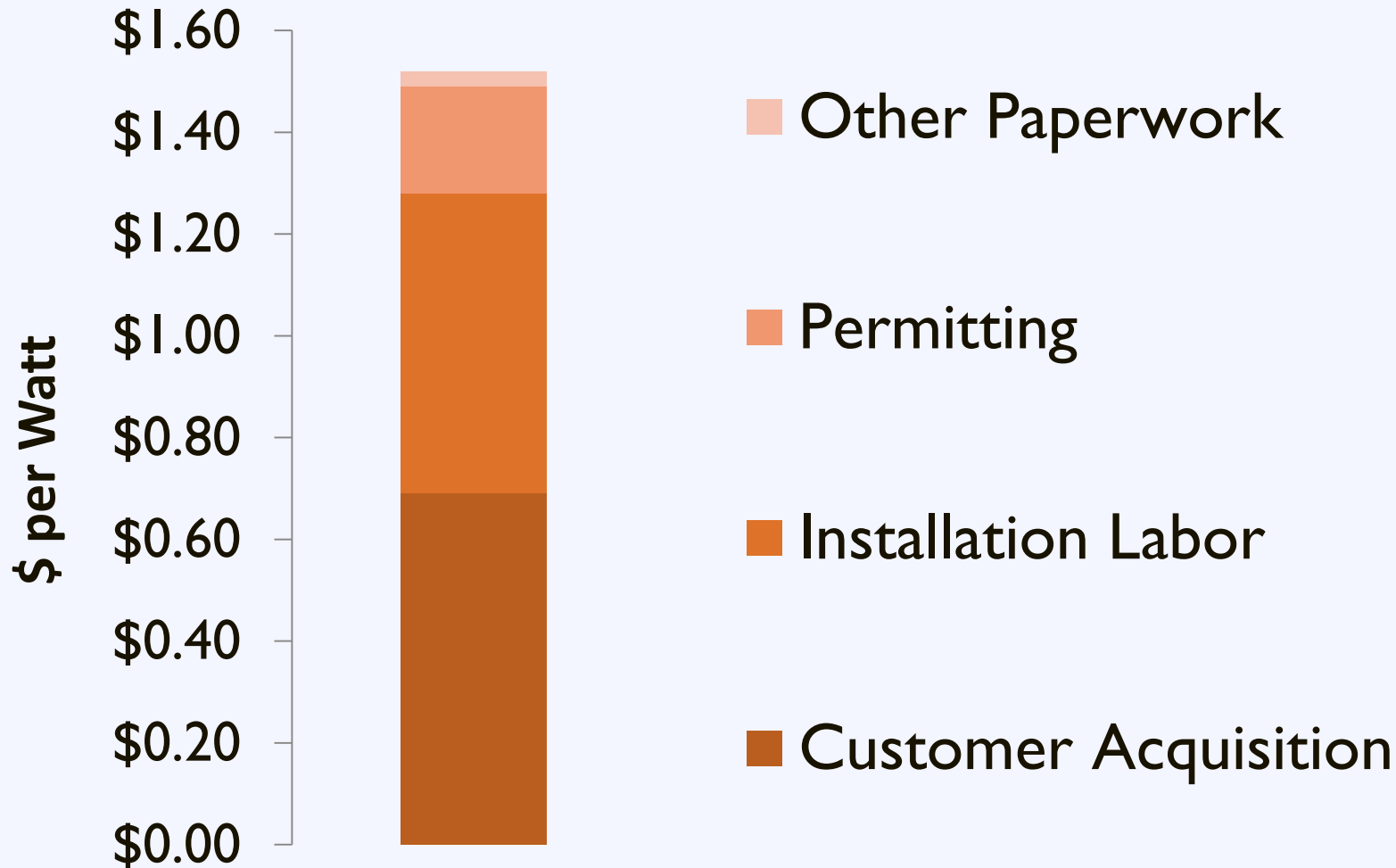
Germany's Success

Consistency and Transparency

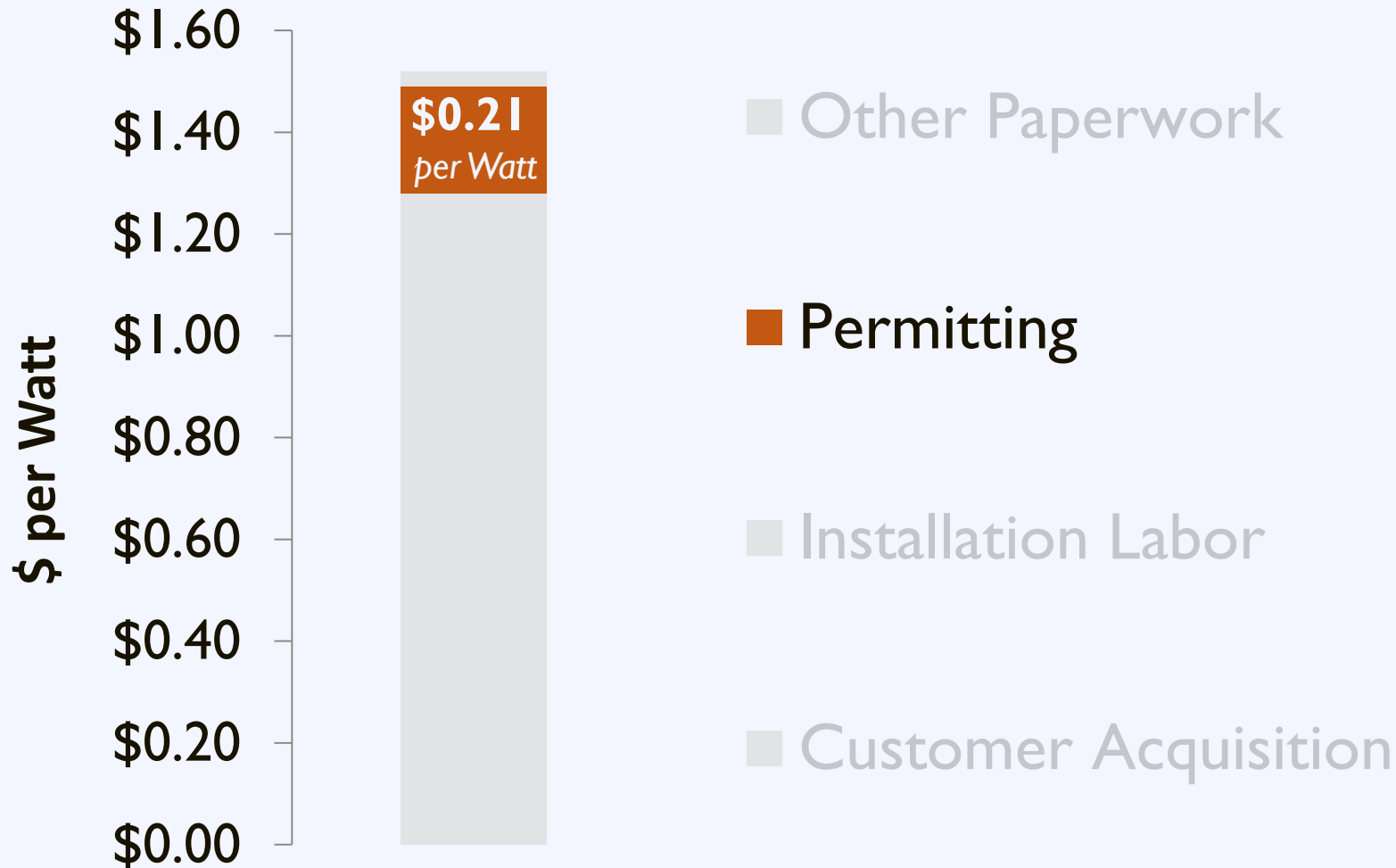
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Standardized Processes

Mitigate Soft Costs



Mitigate Soft Costs



Permitting

Remove barriers by:

- Make qualified solar projects a by-right accessory use
- Modify regulations to clarify what types of solar projects are allowed where
- Streamline the permitting process

Zoning Code: Solar Framework

| Section | Topics to Address |
|------------------------------|--|
| Definitions | Define technologies |
| Applicability | Primary vs. accessory use |
| Dimensional Standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Height• Size• Setbacks• Lot coverage |
| Design Standards | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signage• Disconnect• Screening• Fencing |

Zoning Codes: Small Scale Solar

Typical Requirements:

- Permitted as accessory use
- Minimize visibility if feasible
- Requirements:
 - District height
 - Lot coverage
 - Setback



Zoning Codes: Large Scale Solar

Typical Requirements:

- Allowed for primary use in limited locations
- Requirements:
 - Height limits
 - Lot coverage
 - Setback
 - Fencing and Enclosure



Zoning Code: Model Ordinances

Resource

City of Milwaukee: Solar Permitting Guide

The screenshot shows the top of the City of Milwaukee SHINES website. The header includes the City of Milwaukee logo and the text "Milwaukee SHINES FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLAR FUTURE". Below the header is a navigation bar with links for "About Us", "Homeowners", "Business Owners", "Professionals", and "Resources". The main content area is titled "City of Milwaukee: Solar Permitting Guide" and "HOW TO INSTALL SOLAR: STEP BY STEP PROCESS". It contains a paragraph about the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) and a checklist of resources for installers and owners. A sidebar on the right contains social media links and contact information for the Department of Community Development.

City of Milwaukee
Milwaukee SHINES FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOLAR FUTURE

About Us Homeowners Business Owners Professionals Resources

City of Milwaukee: Solar Permitting Guide

HOW TO INSTALL SOLAR: STEP BY STEP PROCESS

The City of Milwaukee Department of City Development (DCD) works to ensure the quality and safety of a solar electric and solar hot water installation. There are requirements to install solar in Milwaukee. This website provides an outline of the step-by-step permitting and inspection process that solar installers and homeowners must navigate.

CHECKLIST: Installers are encouraged to use these helpful checklists to aid in the process to make sure they have the materials needed when submitting permits for a solar project. Use the **SOLAR ELECTRIC** checklist or the **SOLAR HOT WATER** checklist depending on your installation.

- **Home or Business Owners:** For more information about solar energy, and how to connect with installers, incentives and resources, contact the City of Milwaukee's solar program, *Milwaukee Shines*.
- **Solar Installers:** For more information about state or federal incentives or training opportunities, visit our **FOR PROFESSIONALS** section or contact the City of Milwaukee's solar program, *Milwaukee Shines*.

- SOLAR ELECTRIC REQUIREMENTS
- SOLAR HOT WATER REQUIREMENTS
- PERMIT SUBMITTAL PROCESS AND INSPECTION (for PV or SHW)
- INTERCONNECTION PROCESS AND INSPECTION (only for PV)

Solar Permitting Process

STAY CONNECTED

Questions? Contact Us

► DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
City of Milwaukee, 809 N. Broadway Street
Zeidler Municipal Building, First Floor
DevelopmentCenterInfo@milwaukee.gov
414-286-8210; FAX: 414-286-0251

► MILWAUKEE SHINES
Amy H...
City of Milwaukee, 200 E. Wells Street
City Hall, Room 502
solar@milwaukee.gov
414-286-5593

Looking for Permits?
Can be submitted online (via e-Permits), mail, fax, or in-person.

Local Solar Zoning Ordinance Listed

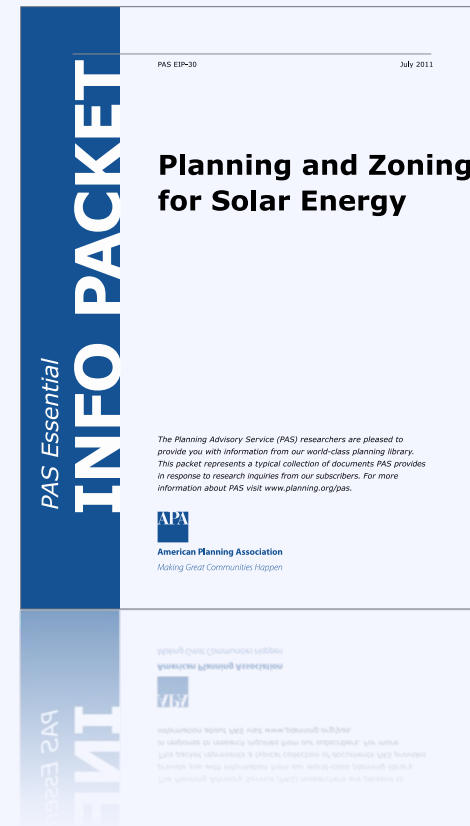
<http://city.milwaukee.gov/milwaukeeshines/GoSolarHowto/Solar-Permitting-Guide.htm>

Zoning Code: Model Ordinances

Resource Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy

This Essential Info Packet provides a number of articles and guidebooks to help planners plan for solar in their communities.

planning.org/research/solar

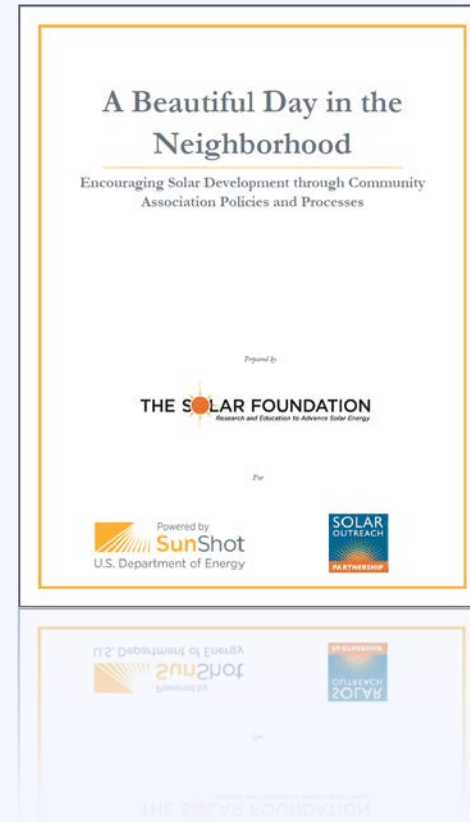


HOA: Community Restrictions

Resource **A Beautiful Day in The Neighborhood**

This guide provides a breakdown of solar access laws to help community associations and solar users understand how they can make solar work in their communities.

solaroutreach.org/resources



The Permitting Process: Challenges

18,000+ local jurisdictions
with unique permitting requirements

The Permitting Process: Challenges

Local permitting processes add on average

\$2,516

to the installation cost of residential PV

The Permitting Process: Challenges



Expedited Permitting

Solar Permitting Best Practices:

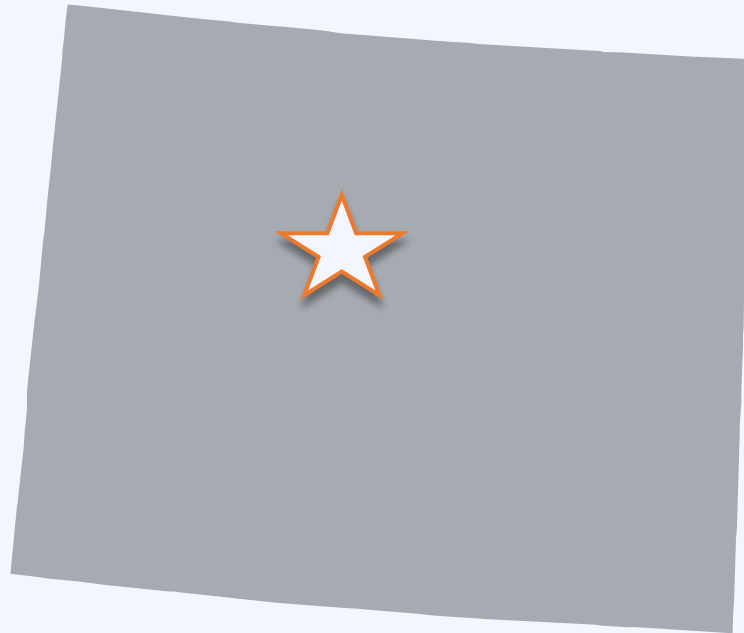
- ✓ Fair flat fees
- ✓ Electronic or over-the-counter issuance
- ✓ Standardized permit requirements
- ✓ Electronic materials

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Solar Permitting Best Practices:

- ✓ Training for permitting staff in solar
- ✓ Removal of excessive reviews
- ✓ Reduction of inspection appointment windows
- ✓ Utilization of standard certifications

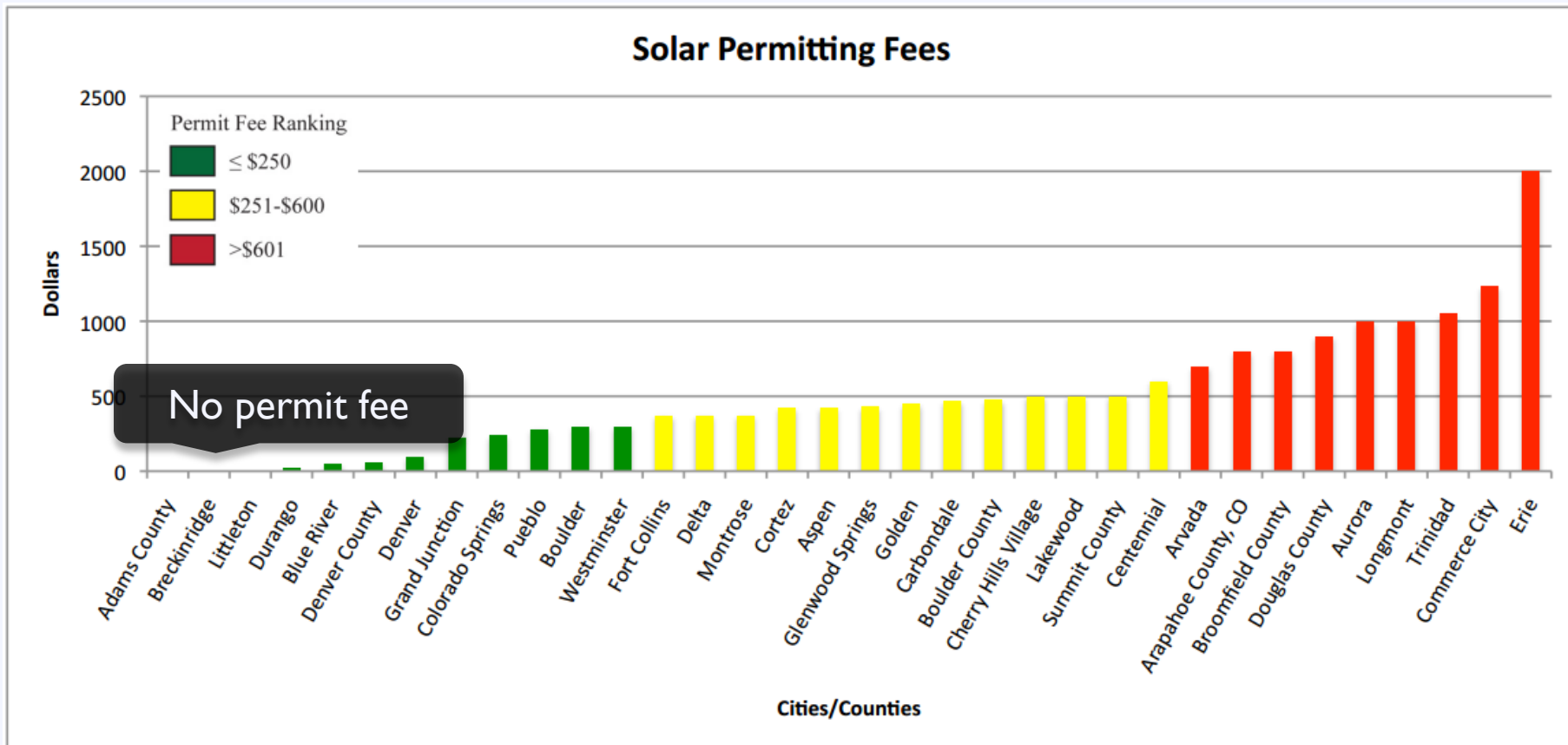
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Breckenridge, Colorado
Population: 4,540

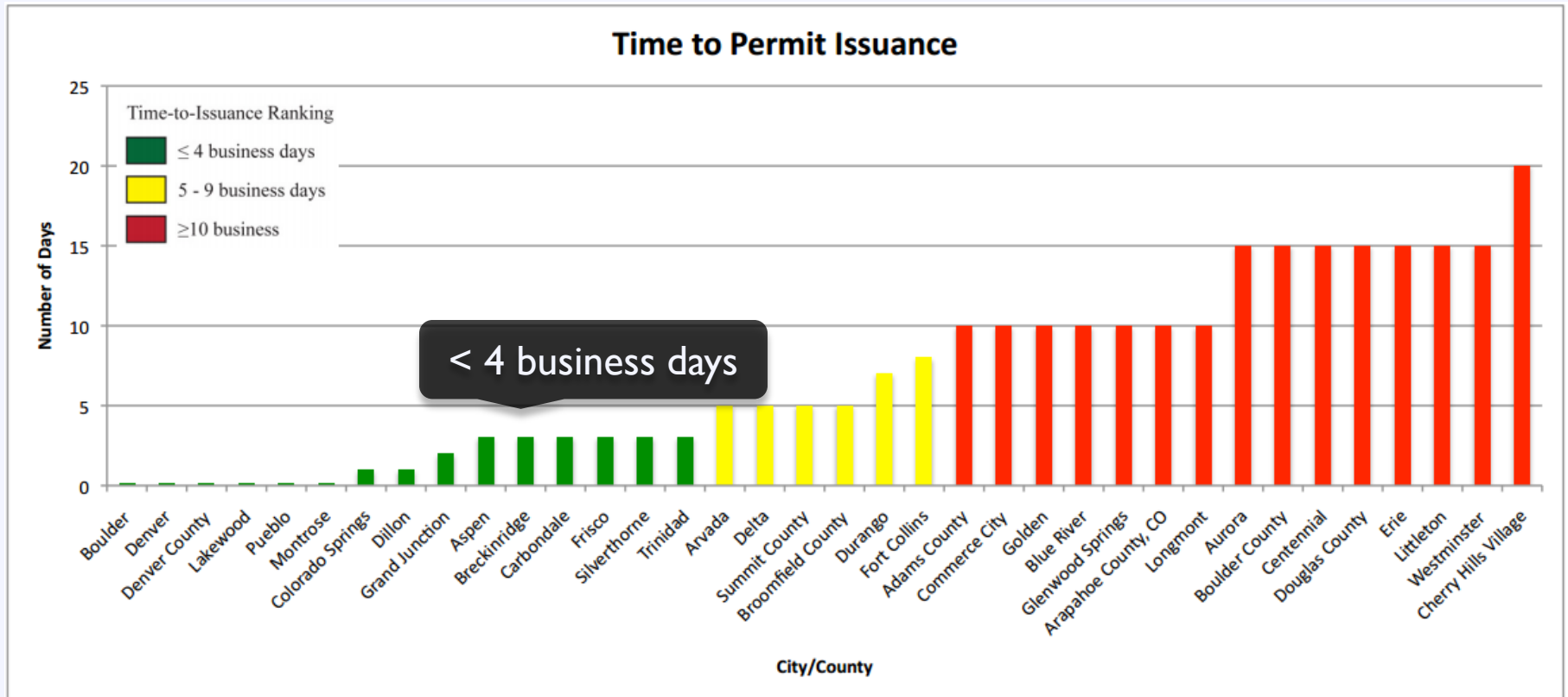
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Breckenridge charges no fees to file for a solar permit



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Breckenridge offers a short turn around time for solar permits



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TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

BRECKENRIDGE COLORADO

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Electronic materials

▼ Building Department

- Adopted Building Codes and Amendments
- Climactic and Geographical Design Criteria 2006 IRC Table R301.2(1)
- Permits and Applications
- Inspections
- Electrical, Mechanical & Plumbing Applications
- Hot Tub Permits
- ▶ **Solar Panel Permits**
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Contractor's Licensing

How Much Will My Permit

Standardized permit requirements

Departments & Services » Building Department

Solar Panel Permits

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BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PHOTOVOLTAIC (SOLAR PANEL) INSTALLATIONS

The solar panel installer is responsible for insuring that all of the code requirements are met and permits issued.

Required permits are: Development, Building and Electrical Permits.

Planning Department / Development Permit Requirements:

- Outside of the Conservation District, [Class D Permit](#)
- Within the Conservation District, [Class C Minor Permit](#)
- Letter of approval from the Homeowners Association (strongly suggested)

Refer to the [Breckenridge Development Code](#), reference [Section 9-1-19, Policy 5 \(Absolute\)](#) regarding solar panel policies

Building Department Permits / Building & Electrical Permit Requirements:

- Meet with a Town of Breckenridge Planner (see above requirements)
- [Building Permit](#) (Submit a completed building permit application, along with two photovoltaic system electrical diagram drawings, stamped by a Colorado licensed engineer)
- [Electrical Permit](#)

Contractor Requirements

- Must be certified by North American Certified Energy Practitioners (www.nabcep.org)
- Must have a current Town of Breckenridge [Business License](#), available through the Town

Expedited Permitting

Resource Solar ABCs

Expedited Permitting:

- Simplifies requirements for PV applications
- Facilitates efficient review of content
- Minimize need for detailed studies and unnecessary delays

Solar America Board for Codes and Standards
Collaborate • Contribute • Transform

ABOUT US | CODES & STANDARDS | CURRENT ISSUES

Codes & Standards

The Solar America Board for Codes and Standards (Solar ABCs) collaborates and enhances the practice of developing, implementing, and disseminating solar codes and standards. The Solar ABCs provides formal coordination in the planning and revision of separate, though interrelated, solar codes and standards. We also provide access for stakeholders to participate with members of standards making bodies through working groups and research activities to set national priorities on technical issues. The Solar ABCs is a centralized repository for collection and dissemination of documents, regulations, and technical materials related to solar codes and standards.

The Solar ABCs creates a centralized home to facilitate photovoltaic (PV) market transformation by:

- Creating a forum that fosters generating consensus 'best practices' materials.
- Disseminating such materials to utilities, state and other regulating agencies.
- Answering code-related questions (technical or statutory in nature).
- Providing feedback on important related issues to DOE and government agencies.

Learn more about solar codes and standards development:

The below organizations all publish codes and standards for PV products and each organization has its own process to develop and publish standards.

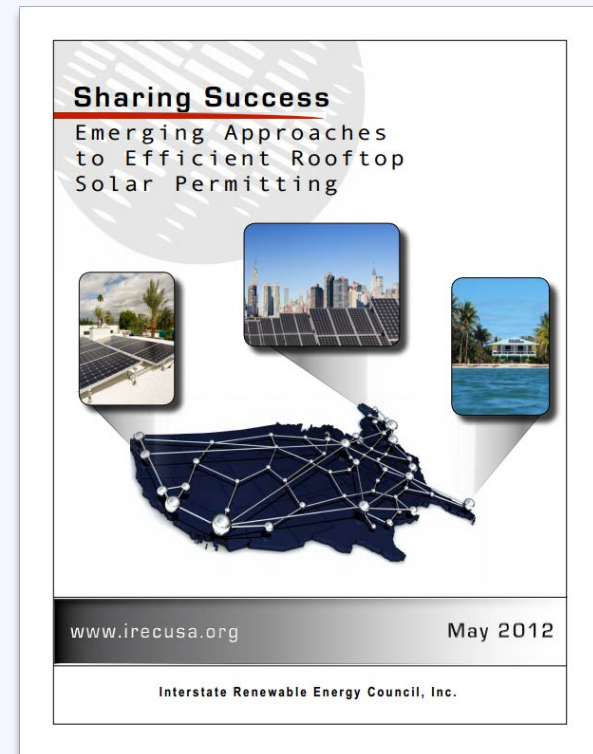
- [ASTM](#)
- [IAPMO Standards](#)
- [International Code Council](#)
- [International Electrotechnical Commission](#)
- [IEEE](#)
- [National Fire Protection Association](#)
- [SEMI](#)
- [Underwriters Laboratories](#)

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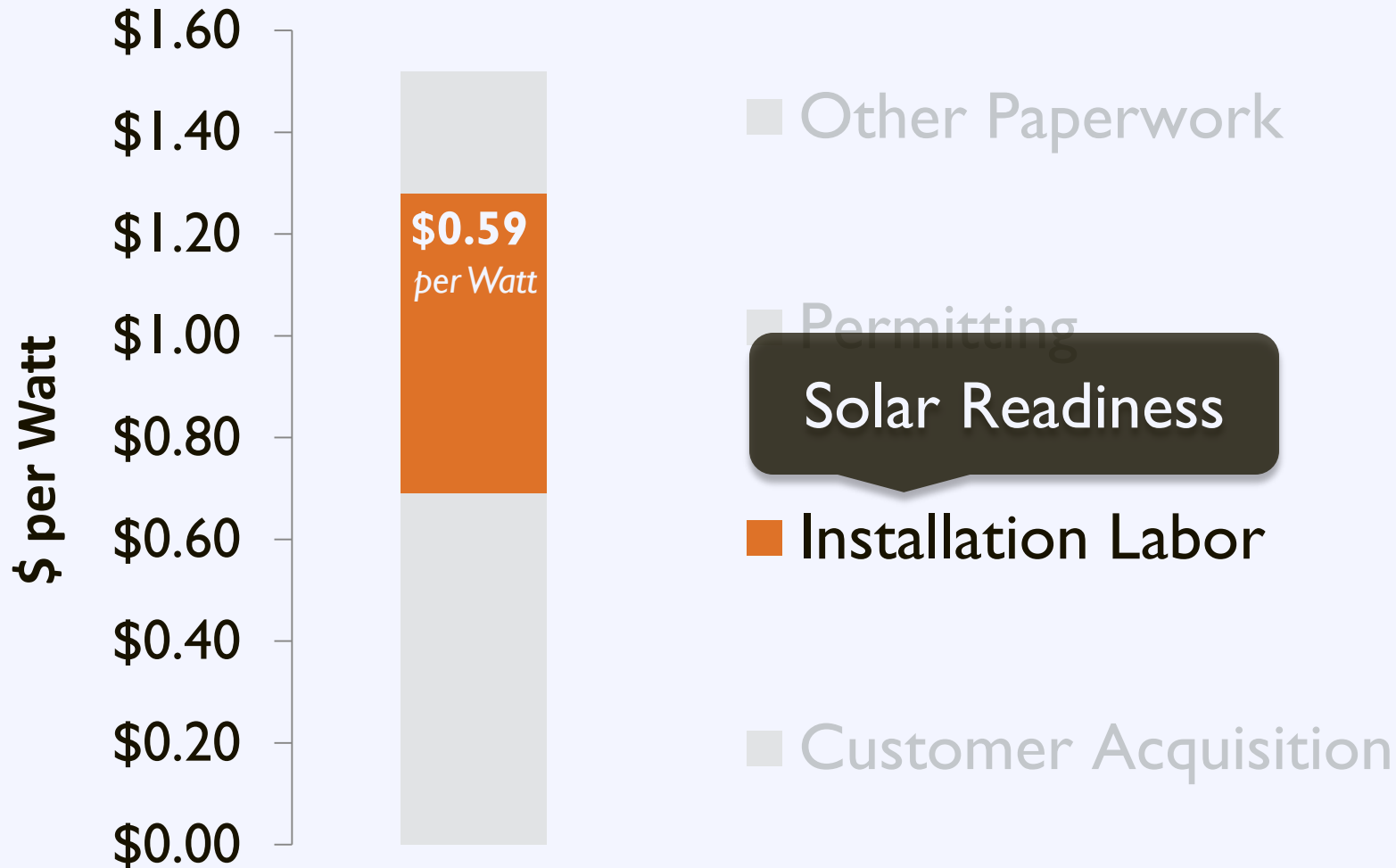
Resource Interstate Renewable Energy Council

Outlines emerging approaches to efficient rooftop solar permitting

www.irecusa.org



Mitigate Soft Costs



Solar Readiness

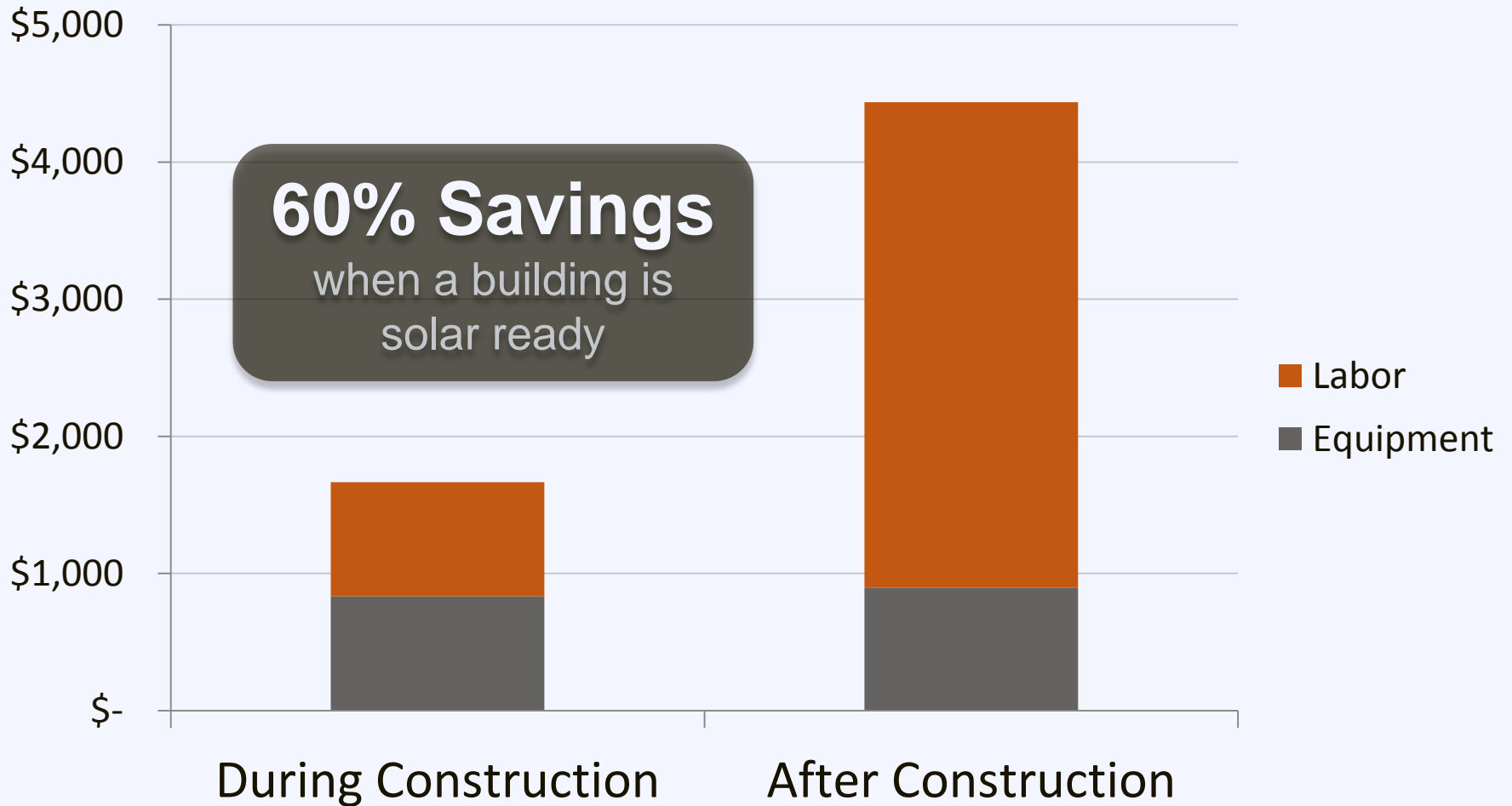
Creating solar-ready guidelines and promoting energy efficiency at the outset can help make future solar installations easier and more cost effective.

Solar Readiness

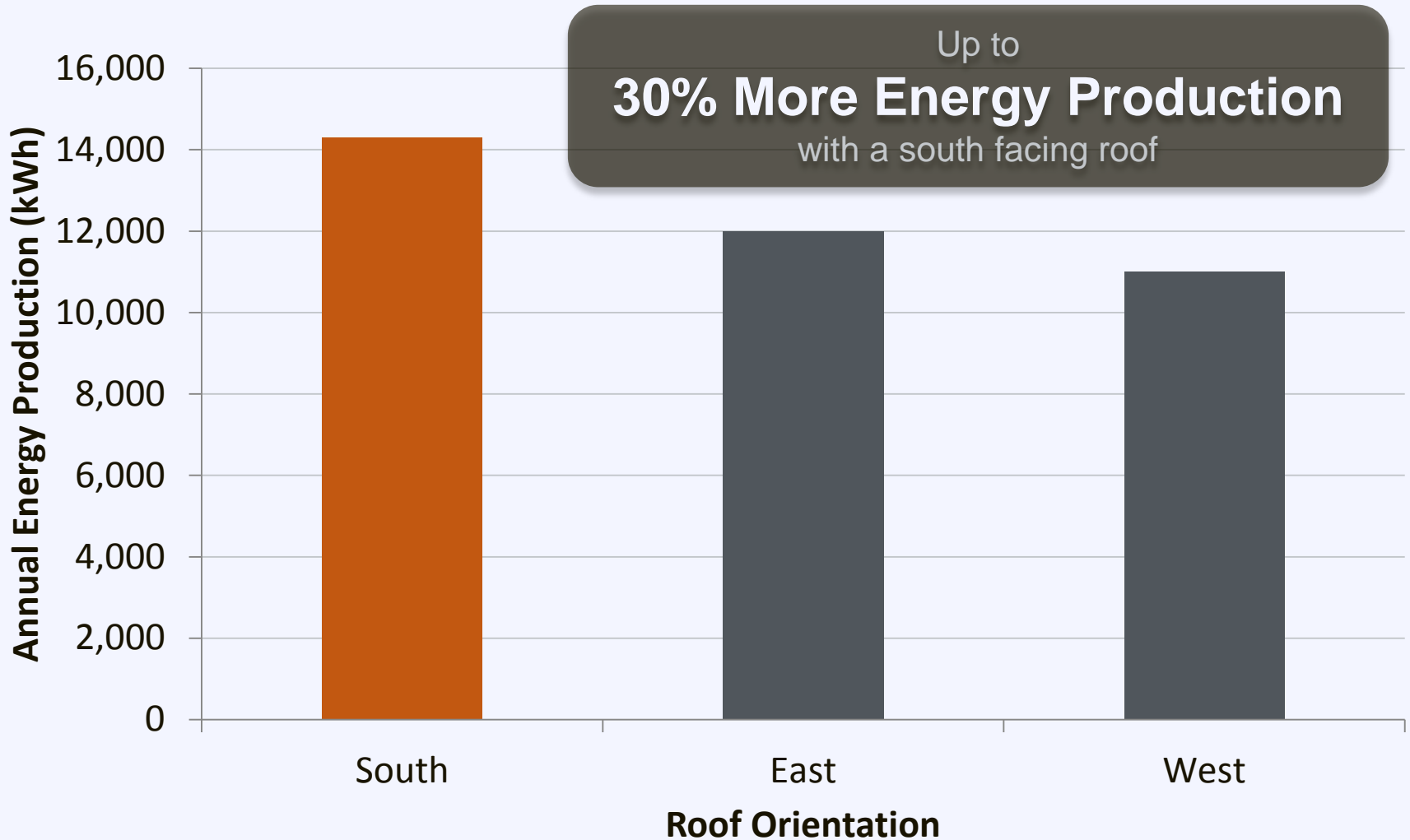
Require builders to:

- ✓ Minimize rooftop equipment
- ✓ Plan for structure orientation to avoid shading
- ✓ Install a roof that will support the load of a solar array
- ✓ Record roof specifications on drawings
- ✓ Plan for wiring and inverter placement

Solar Readiness



Solar Readiness



Solar Readiness

Resource NREL

Creating a solar ready guide for buildings:

- Legislation
- Certification programs
- Stakeholder Education

www.nrel.gov

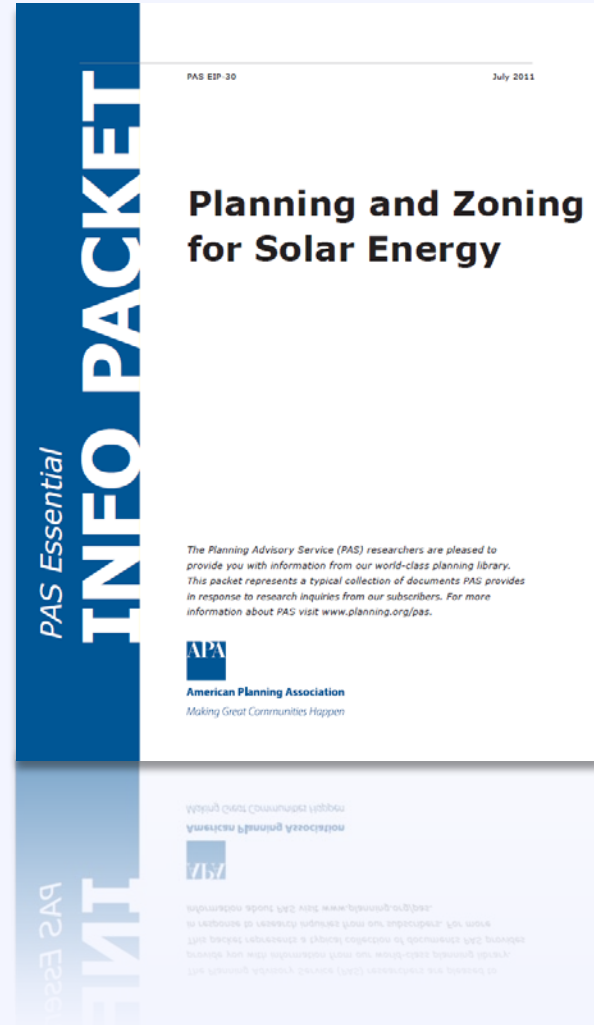


Solar Readiness Model Ordinance

Resource American Planning Association

Includes references to ordinances requiring solar-ready homes in select communities.

www.planning.org/research/solar



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The Solar Equation

Cost

- + Installed Cost
- + Maintenance
- Direct Incentive

Benefit

- + Avoided Energy Cost
- + Excess Generation
- + Performance Incentive

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Net Metering in Oklahoma: Rules/Applicability

- Applies to all investor-owned utilities and some electric cooperatives
- However...
 - Municipalities are not required to offer net metering.
 - Net metering is only required for systems under 100 kW or 25,000 kWh/year, whichever is less (although OG&E allows for up to 300 kW).
 - Customers may ask for their utility to purchase their net excess generation, but utilities are not required to purchase it.
 - Purchase is only permitted at the avoided cost (wholesale) rate, not at the retail rate.

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Incentives

Federal

Investment
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State

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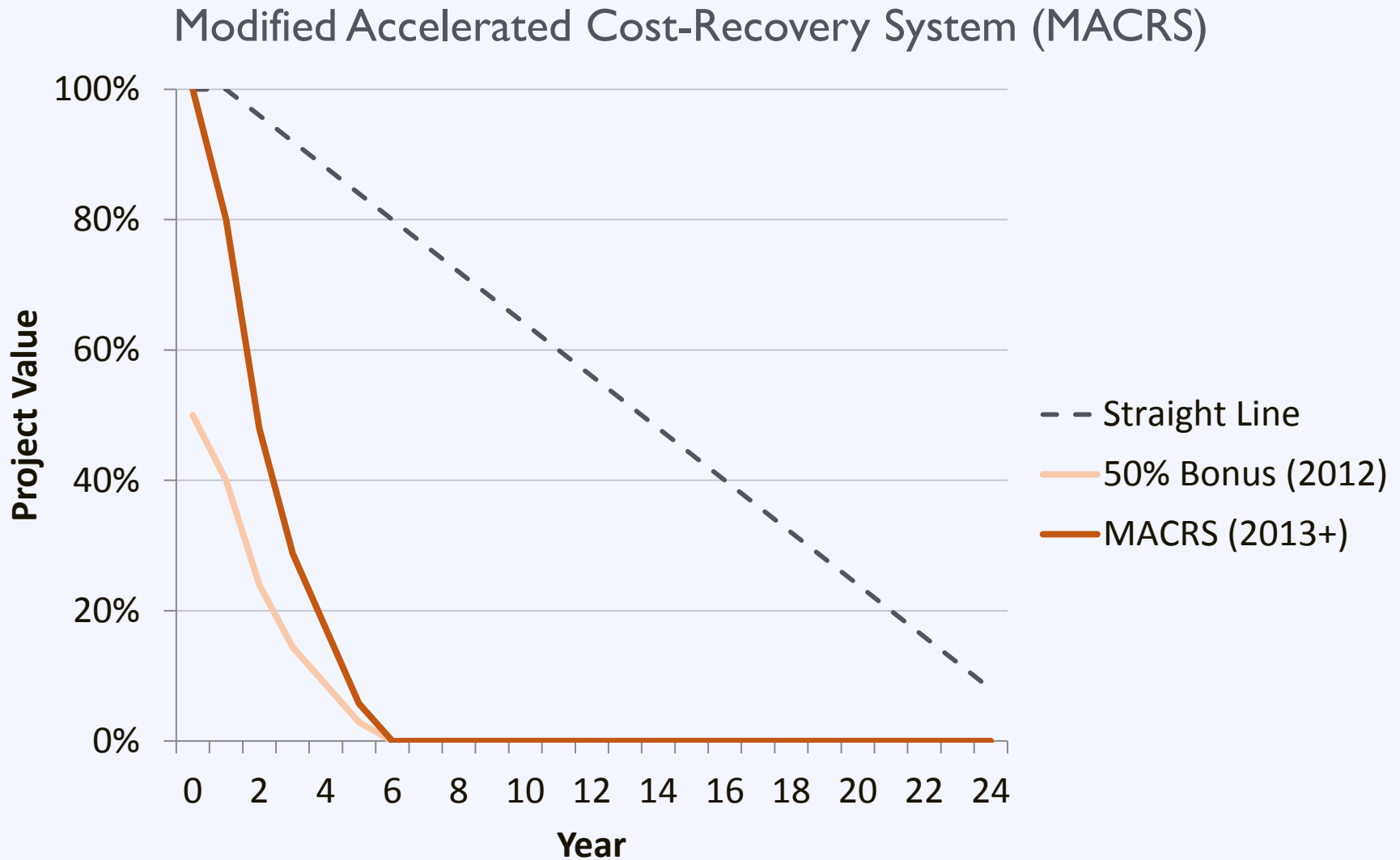
Investment Tax Credit

Type: Tax Credit

Eligibility: For-Profit Organization

Value: 30% of the installation cost through 2016
(10% thereafter)

Accelerated Depreciation



Incentives

Federal

Investment
Tax Credit

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State

Production Tax Credit

“Zero-Emission Facility” Production Tax Credit

Type: Production Tax Credit

Eligibility: All “zero emission” (including PV) systems over 1 MW

Value: \$5/MWh (or 1/2 cent/kWh) until 1/1/2021

Prerequisite: “Facility construction and operation must not result in the creation of pollution or emissions harmful to the environment.”

Solar Financing Options

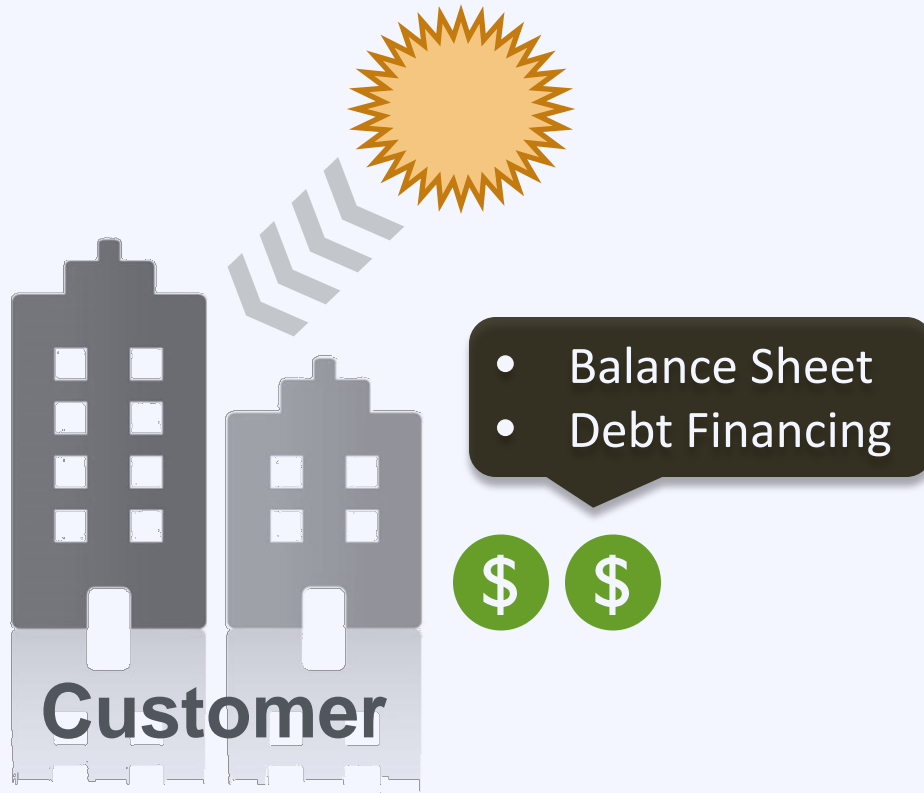


Solar Financing Options

Direct
Ownership

Third Party
Ownership

Direct Ownership



Direct Ownership: Debt

Pathway Lending Fund:

- \$50 million fund
- 10 year loan
- 5% interest
- Partners: TVA, Pinnacle Bank, State of Tennessee



Direct Ownership

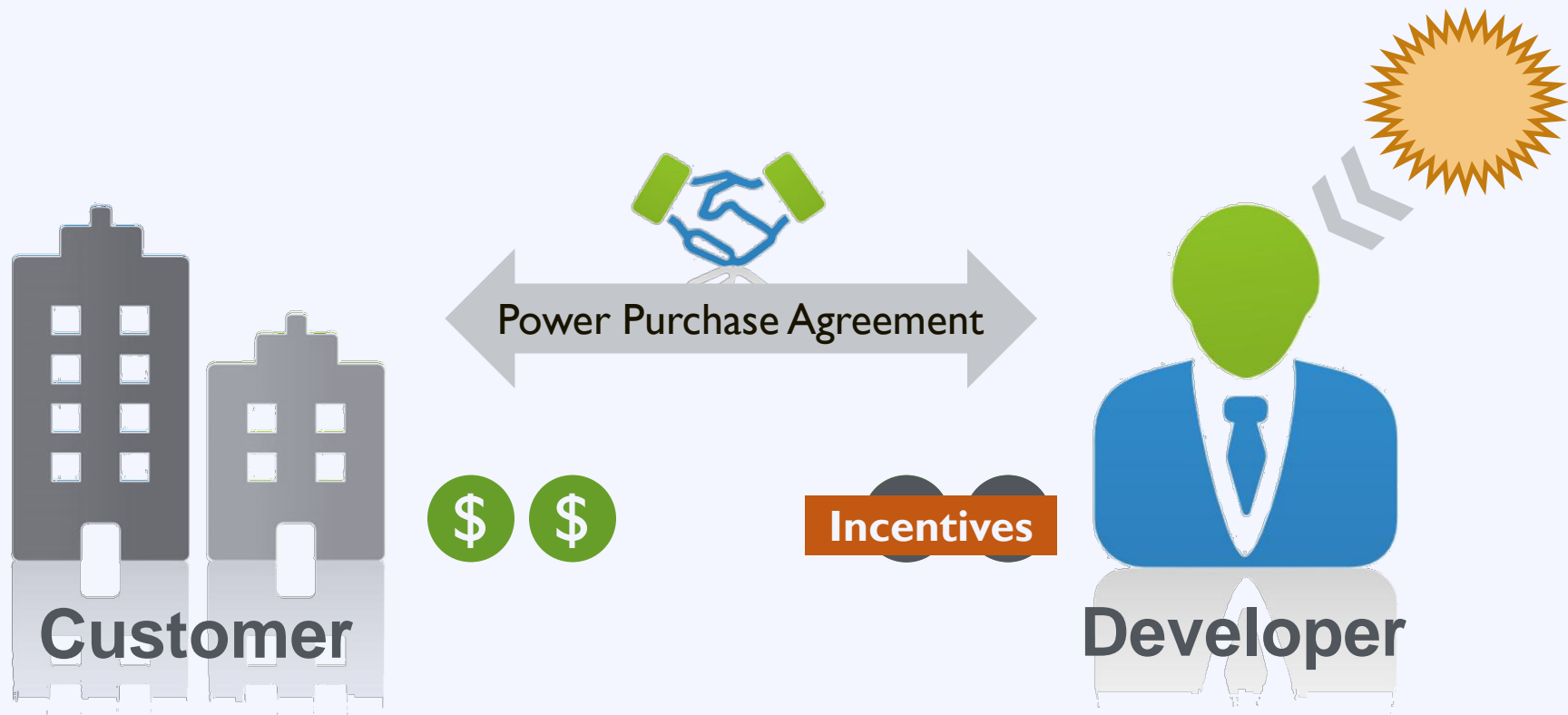
Pros

- Low – cost electricity
- REC revenue
- Full ownership

Cons

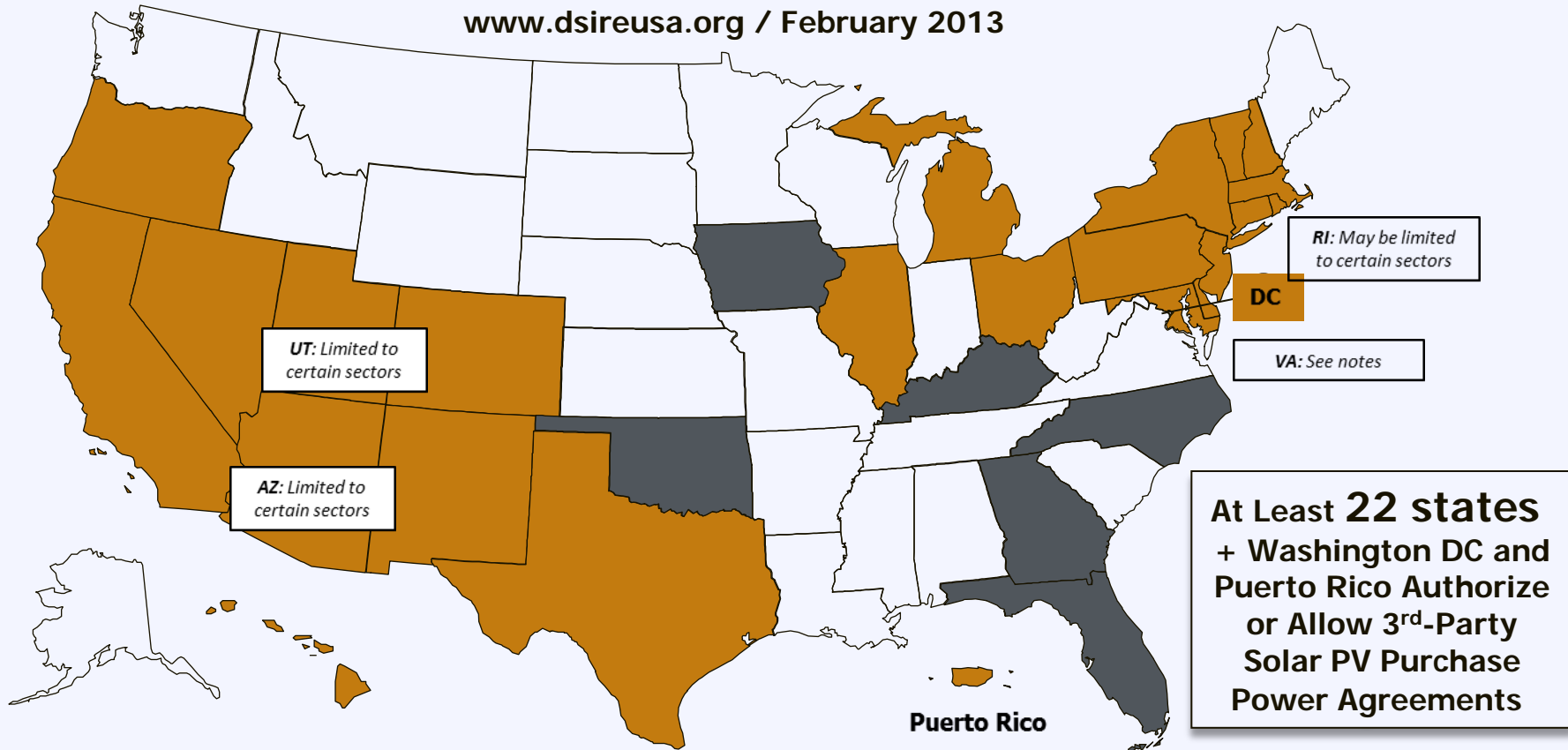
- Large upfront cost
- Long term management
- Can't take tax benefits
- Development risk
- Performance risk

Third Party Ownership: PPA



Third Party Ownership: PPA

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- Authorized by state or otherwise currently in use, at least in certain jurisdictions within in the state
- Apparently disallowed by state or otherwise restricted by legal barriers
- Status unclear or unknown

Note: This map is intended to serve as an unofficial guide; it does not constitute legal advice. Seek qualified legal expertise before making binding financial decisions related to a 3rd-party PPA. See following slides for additional important information and authority references.

Third Party Ownership

In the top 5 solar markets

60-90%

of new installations use third party ownership

Third Party Ownership: PPA

Pros

- No upfront cost
- No O&M costs
- Low risk
- Predictable payments
- Tax benefits

Cons

- Not supported in all states
- Don't keep RECs

Third Party Ownership: Lease



Third Party Ownership: Lease

Pros

- No upfront cost
- No O&M costs
- Low risk
- Predictable payments
- Keep incentives

Cons

- Can't take tax benefits

Solar Financing Options



Direct Ownership



Direct Ownership

Third Party Lease

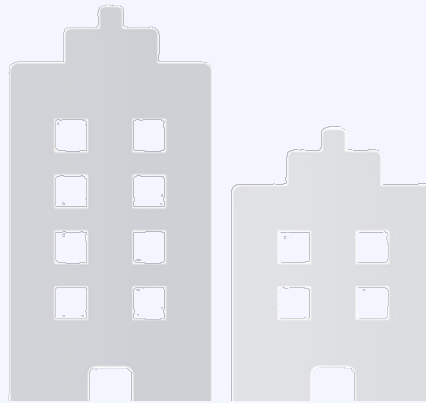


Direct Ownership

Options for Solar Programs



Solarize



QECB's

Solarize

Solarize Group Purchasing



[solarize portland](#)



Solarize: Advantages

Barriers

High upfront cost



Solutions

Group purchase

Complexity



Community outreach

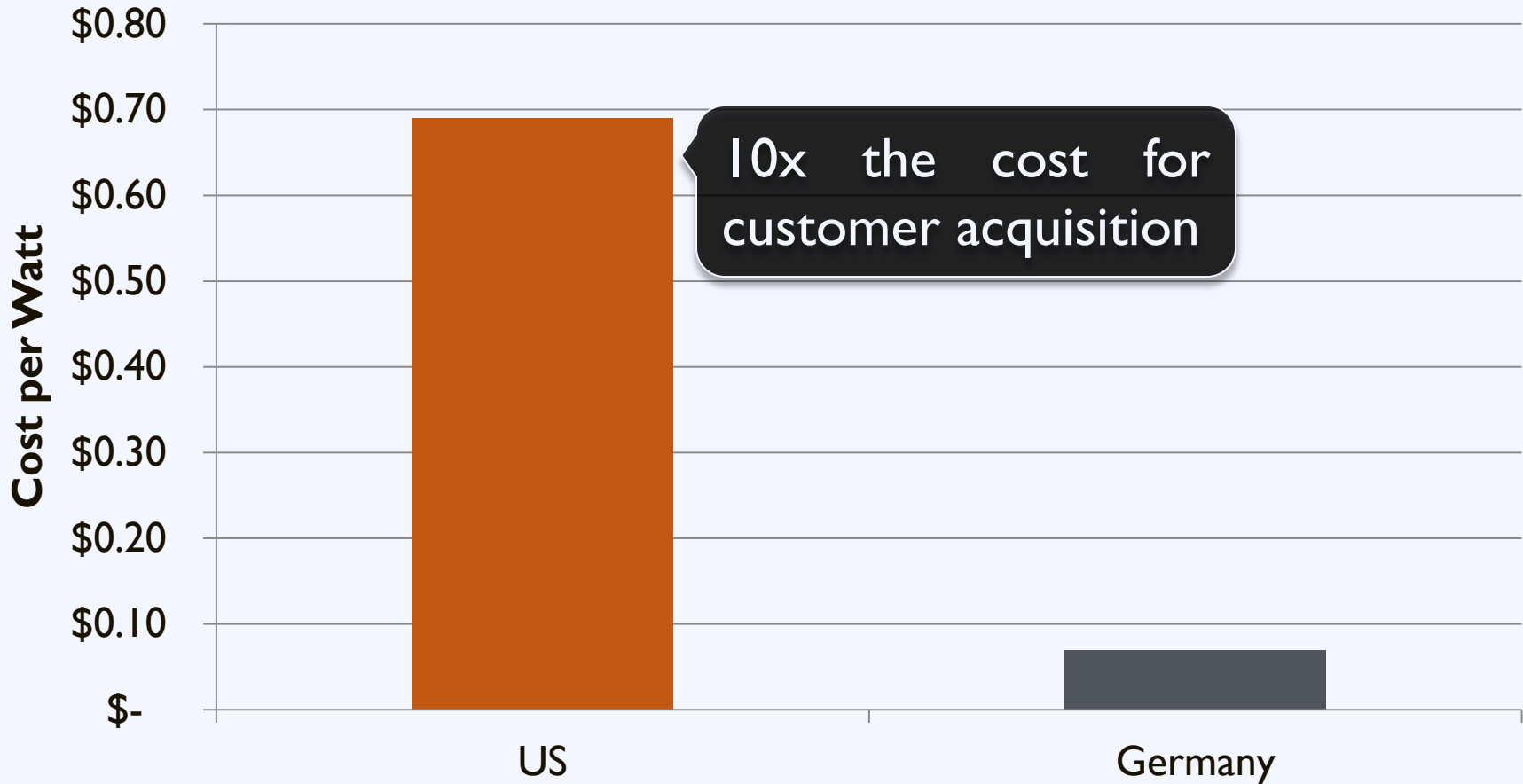
Customer inertia



Limited-time offer

Solarize: Advantages

Customer Acquisition



Solarize: Advantages

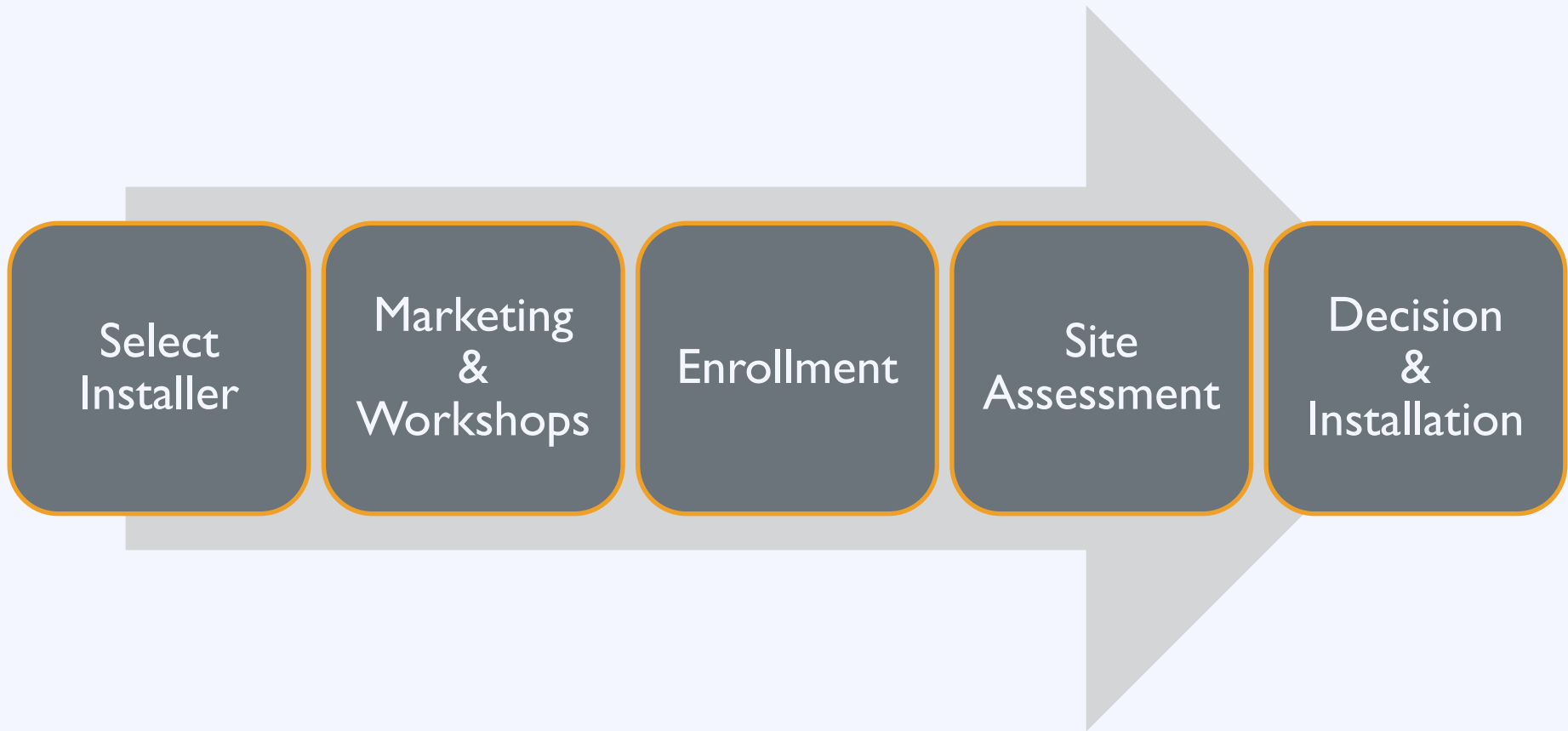
Benefits to Local Government:

Low upfront cost: \$5,000 - \$10,000 + Labor

Quick turn-around: 9 Months

Long-term impact: Sustainable ecosystem

Solarize: Process



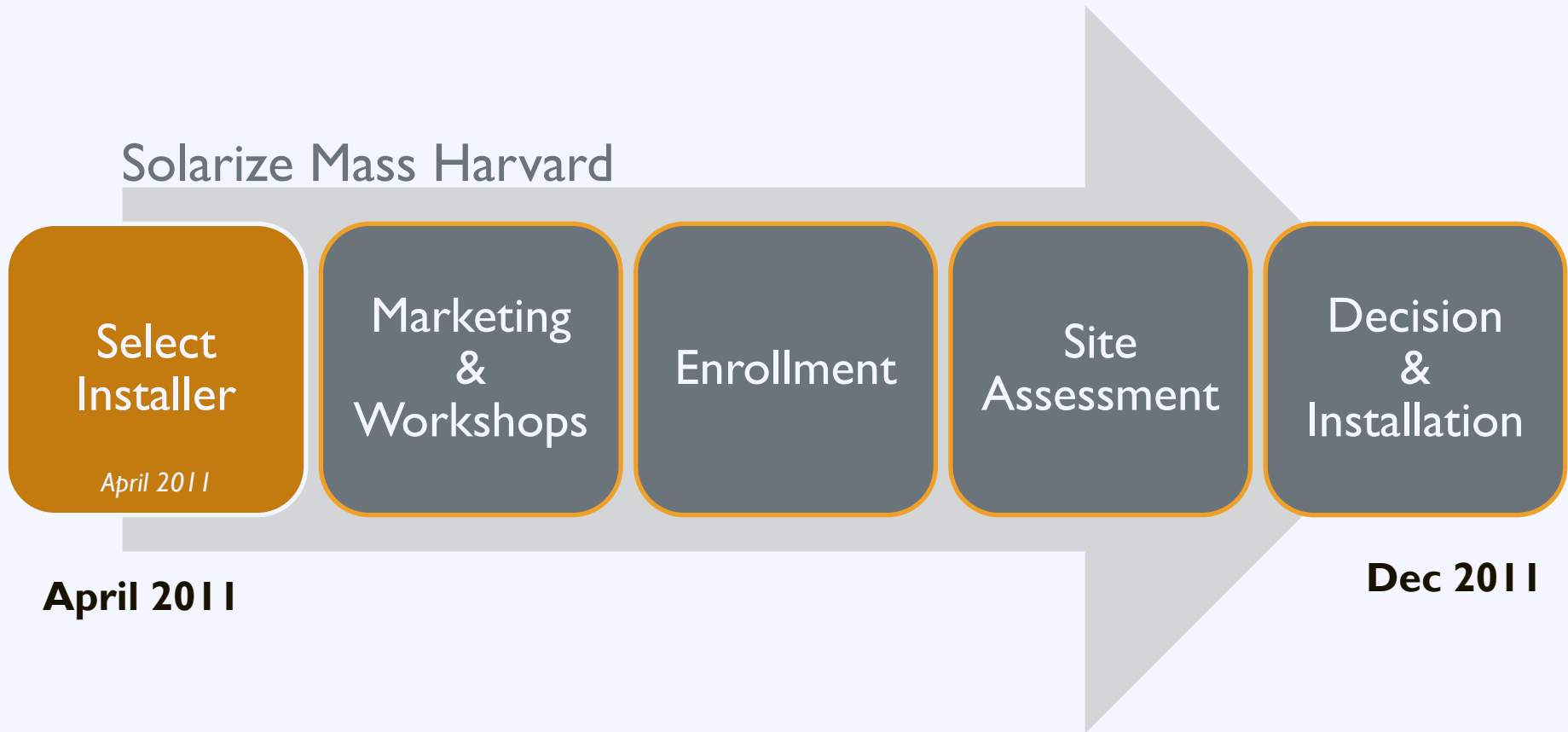
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Harvard, Massachusetts
Population: 6,520

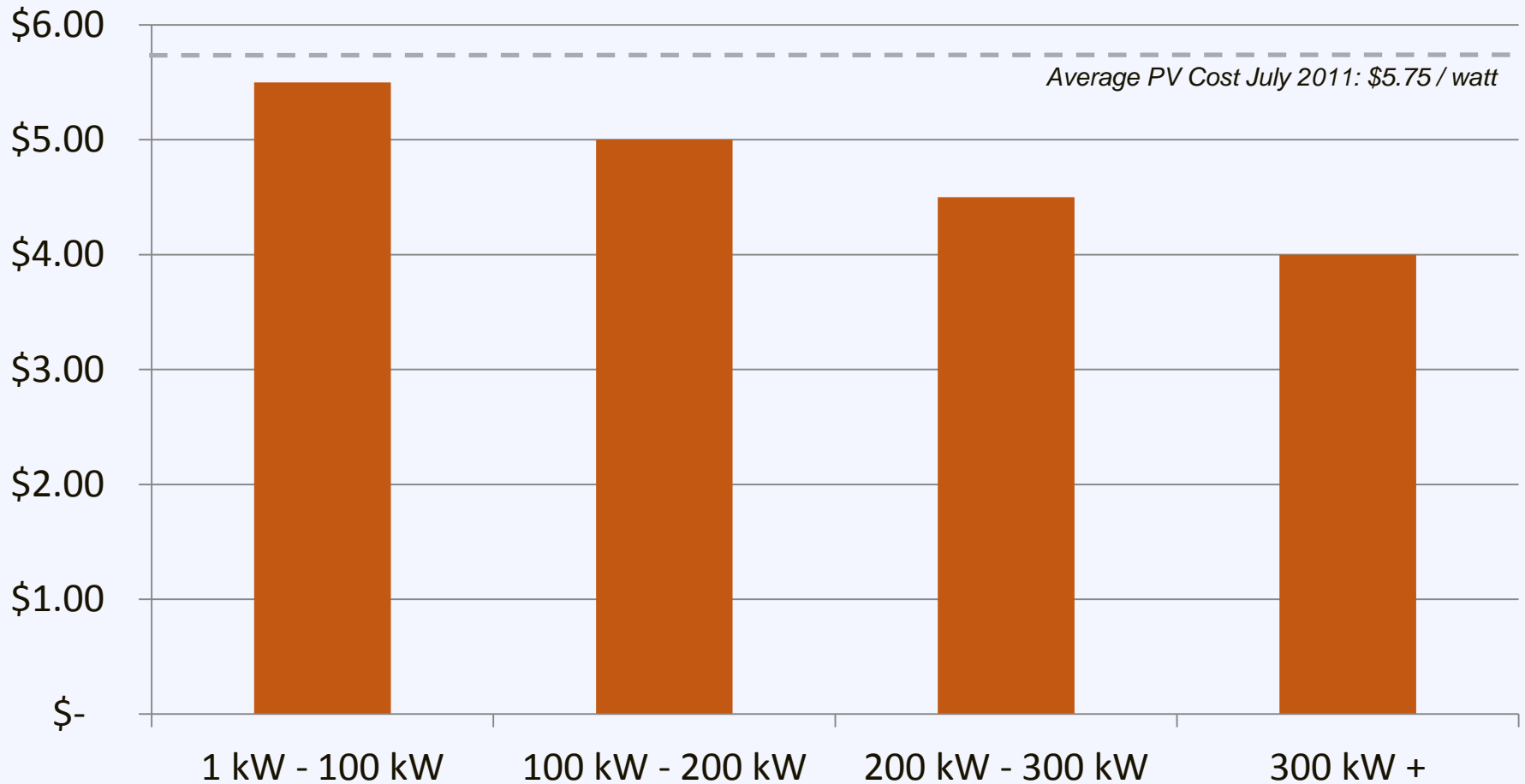
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Solarize Mass Harvard



Group Purchasing

Harvard Mass Group Purchasing Tiers



Solarize: Case Study

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Select
Installer

April 2011

Marketing
&
Workshops

May – July 2011

Enrollment

Site
Assessment

Decision
&
Installation

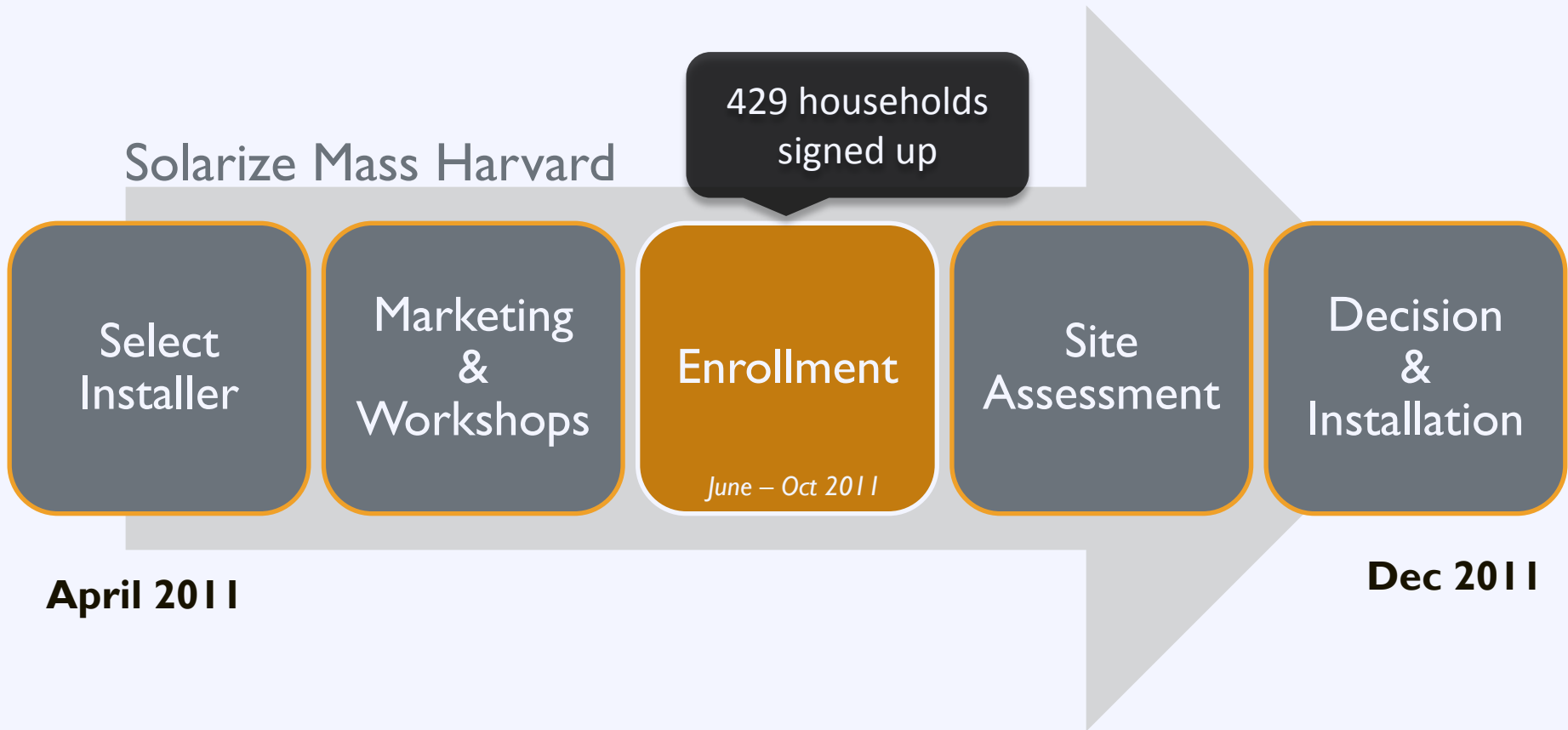
Dec 2011

Solarize: Case Study

Marketing Strategy:

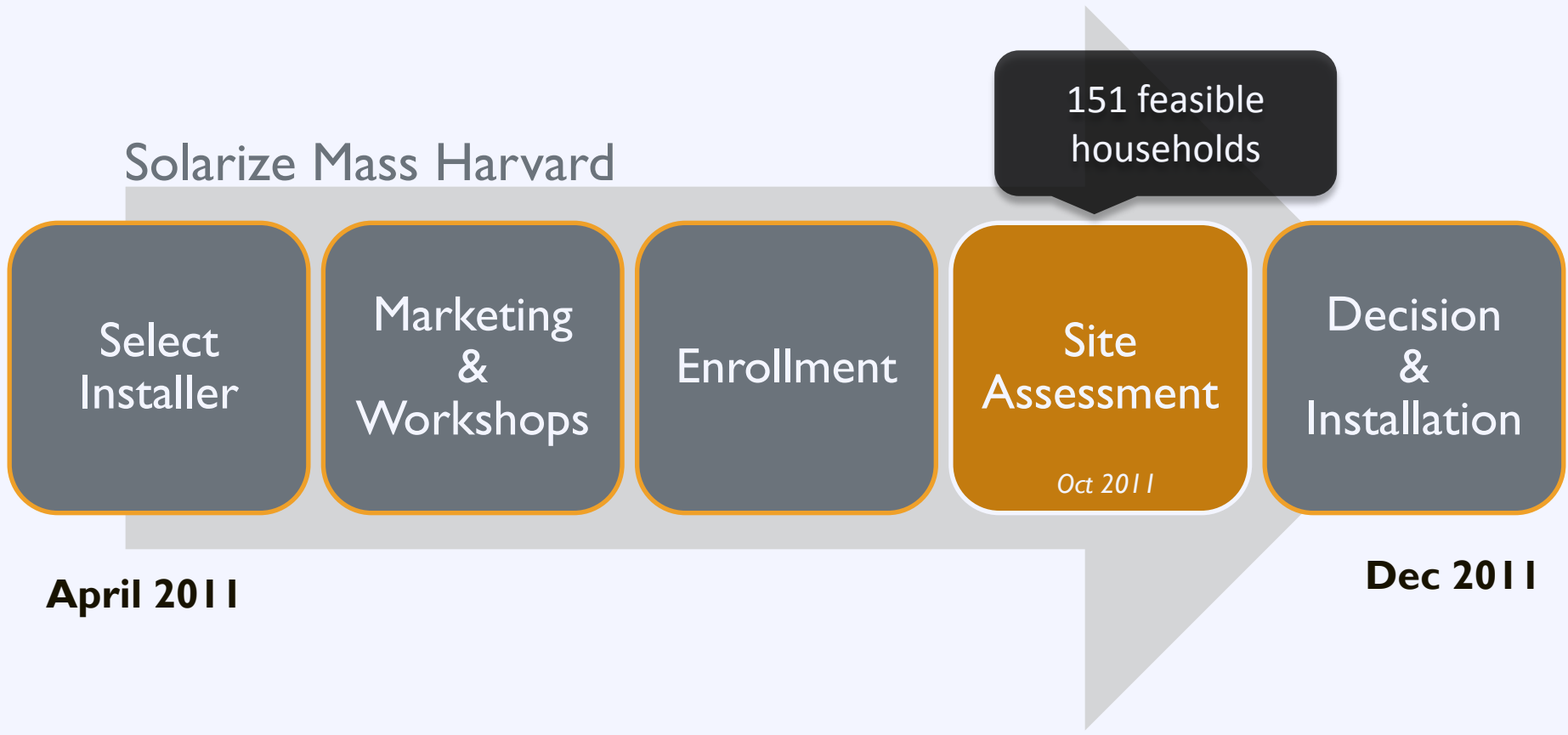
- Electronic survey of 1,100 households
- Email newsletters and direct mailings
- Float in July 4 parade
- Articles and advertisements in local newspaper
- Facebook page and online discussion board

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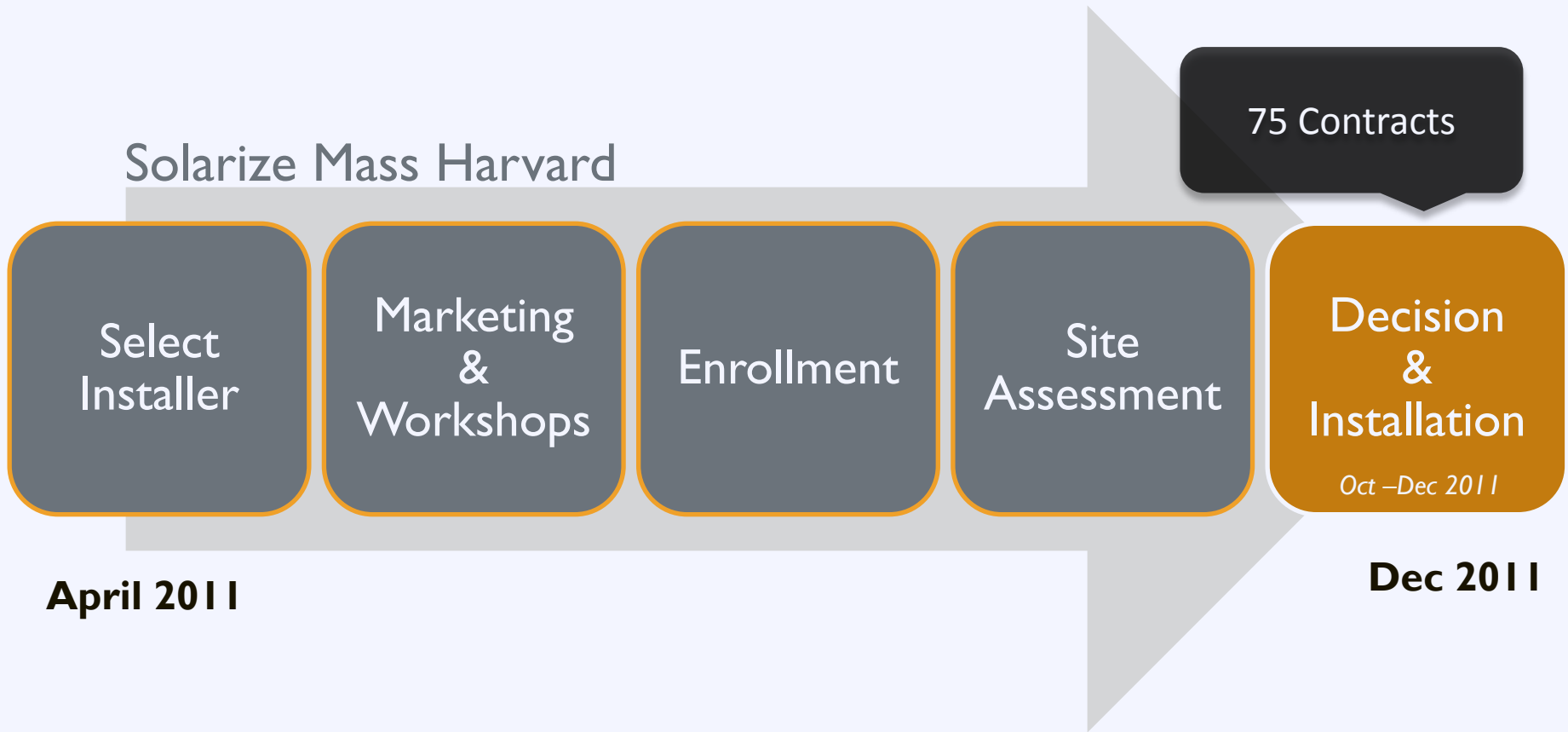
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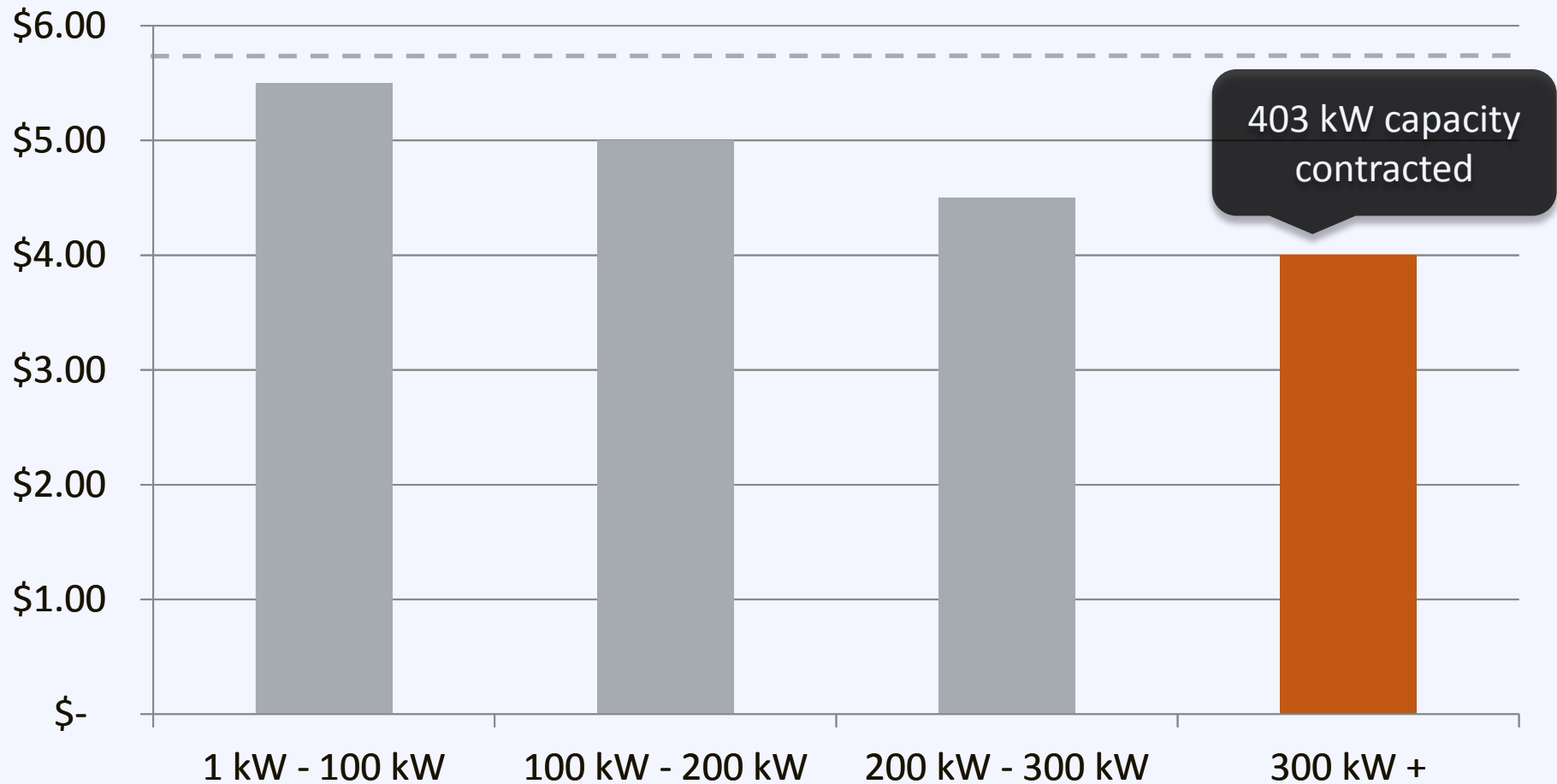
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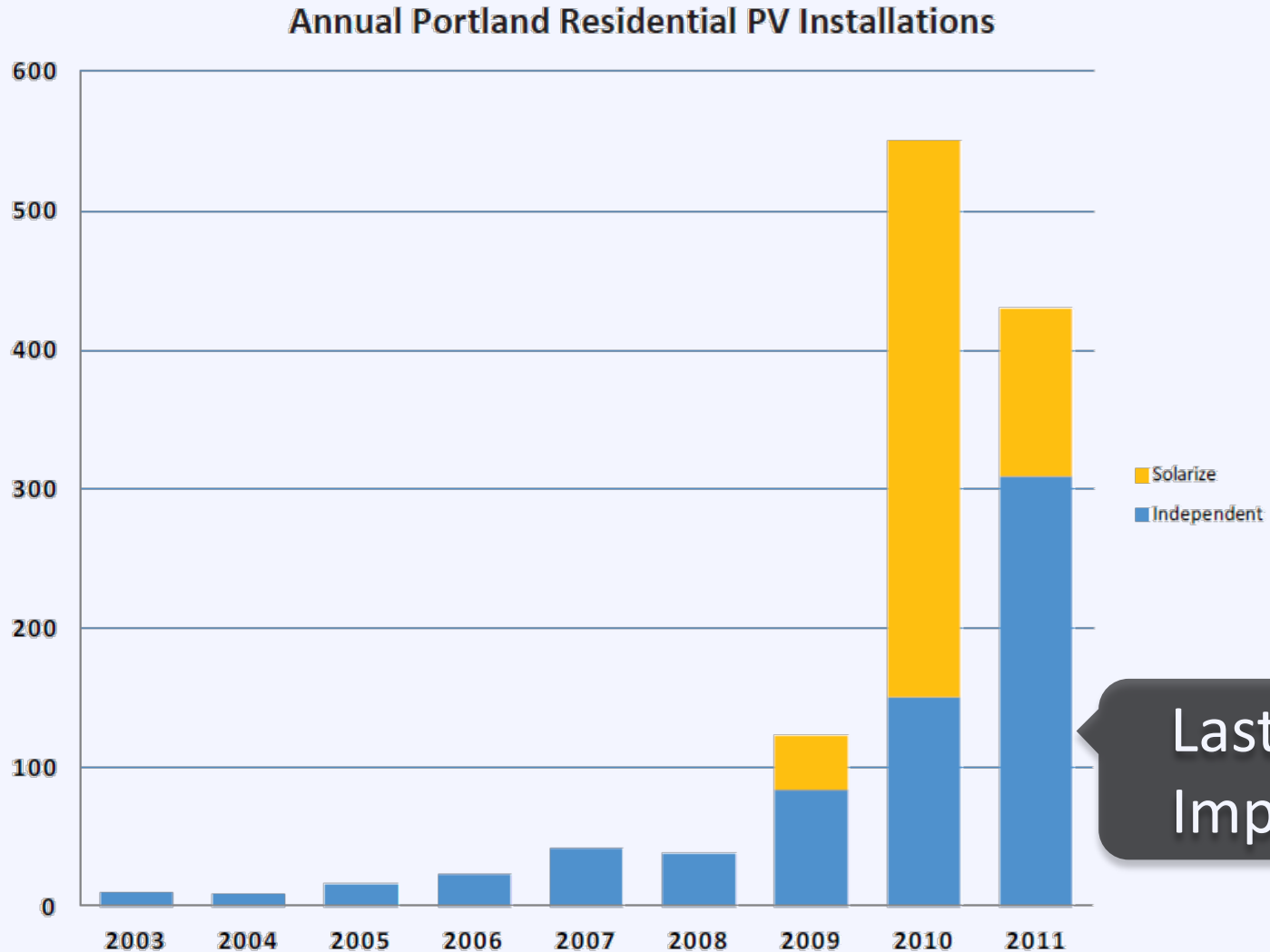
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75 new installations totaling 403 kW

30% reduction in installation costs

575% increase in residential installations

Solarize: Lasting Impact

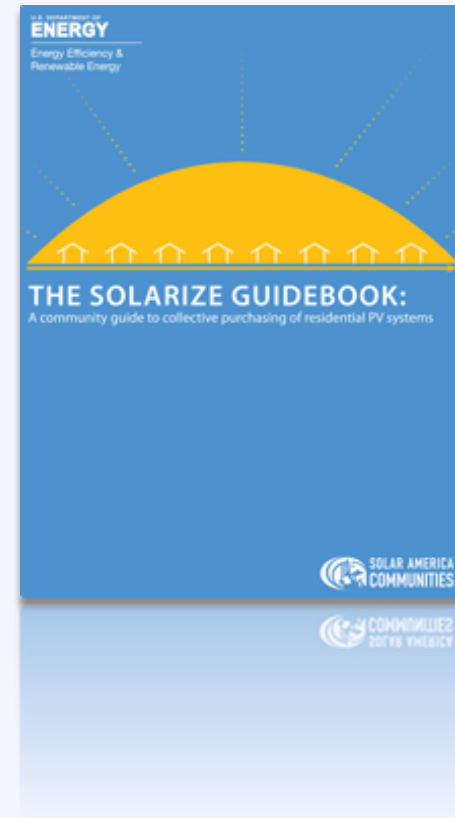


Solarize: Resources

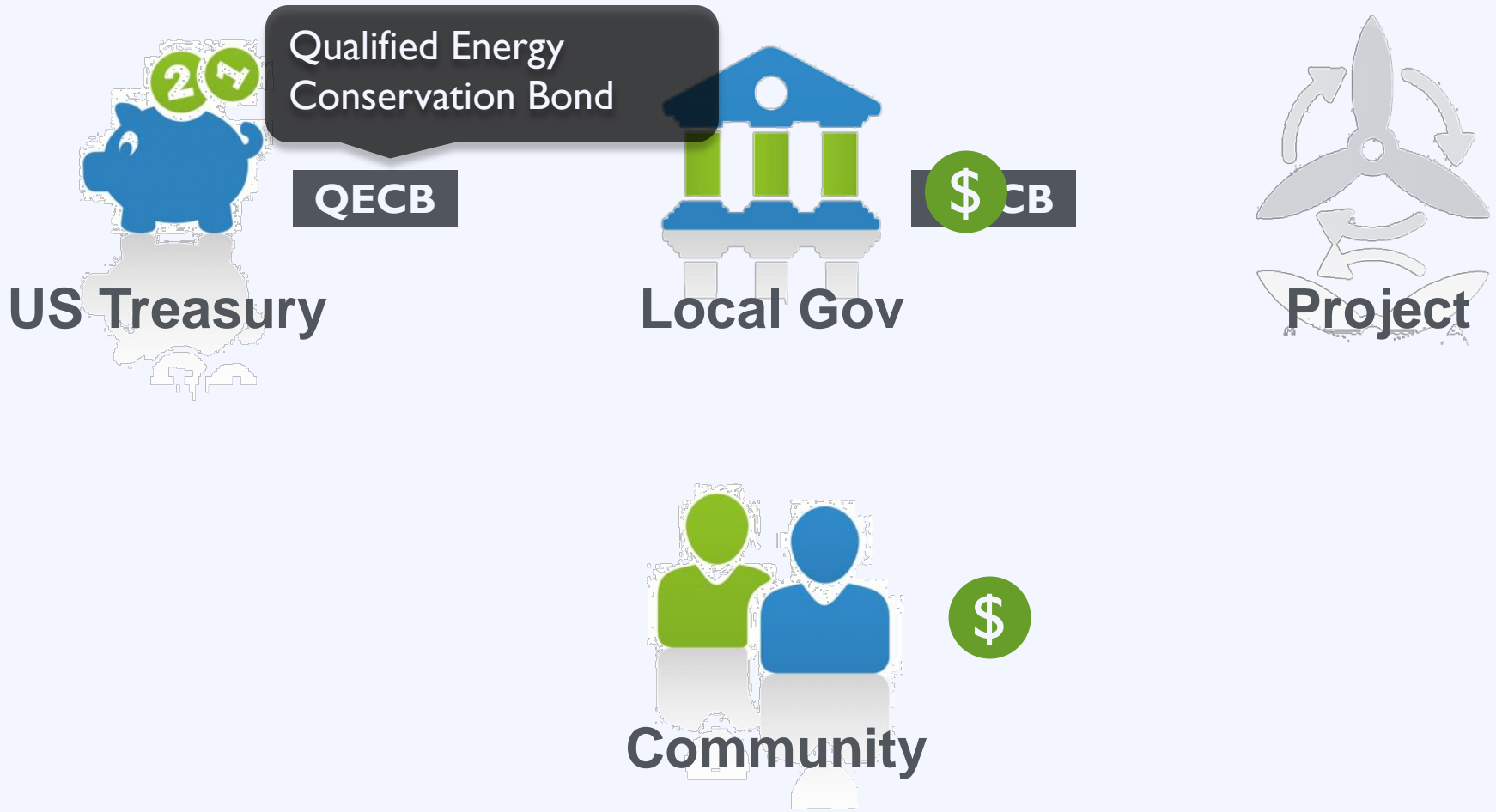
Resource The Solarize Guidebook

A roadmap for project planners and solar advocates who want to create their own successful Solarize campaigns.

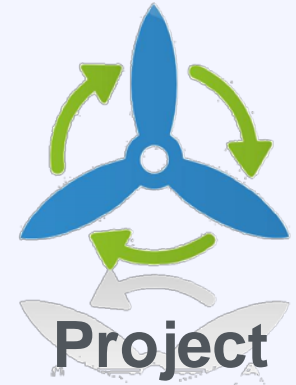
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Qualified Energy Conservation Bond



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Activity: Next Steps

What do you pledge to do when you leave today's workshop? [Orange Card]

About the SunShot Solar Outreach Partnership

Technical Support

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- 'Ask an Expert' Web Portal
- Peer Exchange Facilitation
- In-Depth Consultations
- Customized Trainings



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