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Promoting the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy through education, advocacy and industry support

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National Clean Energy Week: September 20-24th

[> Read Gov. Kemp's official proclamation & watch the video](#)

GA Solar's New 'Scrap the Solar Cap' Webpage



GA Solar now has a new webpage for our Scrap the Solar Cap campaign. Here you can find resources and ways to join and make your voice heard!

Hey Georgia, Three ways to get involved today!

#1

Behind-the-Meter (BTM) solar working group.

We're starting a working group to support BTM solar. If you think BTM is important to you and your business, please send an email to chairman@gasolar.org. Important matters require your attention and we're asking for your help.

#2

#shareyoursolar

The Georgia Solar Energy Association wants to share solar success stories with lawmakers and elected officials. If you've installed solar on your home or business please take a moment to complete our [#shareyoursolar](#)

About the campaign: The rapid adoption of solar energy systems by Georgia home and business owners under Georgia Power's 'Monthly Net Metering' program is grinding to a halt which threatens solar jobs in the state. When the Public Service Commission established the program in 2019 it placed a cap on the number of customers that could benefit from monthly netting. That cap has now been reached and it happened much more quickly than anyone anticipated.

[> Visit the site](#)

Cobb EMC 1.85MW PV + 4 MWH Battery Project nominated for 2021 Solar Builder Project of the Year



We are proud to count one landmark solar + PV project in Georgia as one of the final nominees to the national Project of the Year Award run by Solar Builder Magazine! All GASEA that want to support the cause are encouraged to visit the below link to cast their votes by September 24.

[> About the project](#)

[> Cast your vote](#)

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[survey](#) for a chance to be featured in our newsletter and on social media!

#3

Solar Company Census

We're conducting a 2021 census to track the influx of new solar companies as a result of [Monthly-Netting](#). Let us know of new solar companies working in your area by sending an email to census@gasolar.org.



Your donations - both small and large - to GA Solar supports our efforts to extend the benefits of solar energy to all Georgians and keep our solar industry strong.

Become a Member

GA Solar supports the development of a robust solar industry in Georgia through advocacy, education and outreach. ***We depend on membership and sponsorship contributions to make our work possible.***

The value of a solar job



In this blog post, SEIA's President, Abigail Hopper, writes about solar jobs! Many solar contractors in Georgia are hiring. If you or someone you know are interested in working in solar please send an email to admin@gasolar.org and we'll try to connect with our member contractors. The GA Solar website also lists several solar job boards.

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We should make Georgia the solar state



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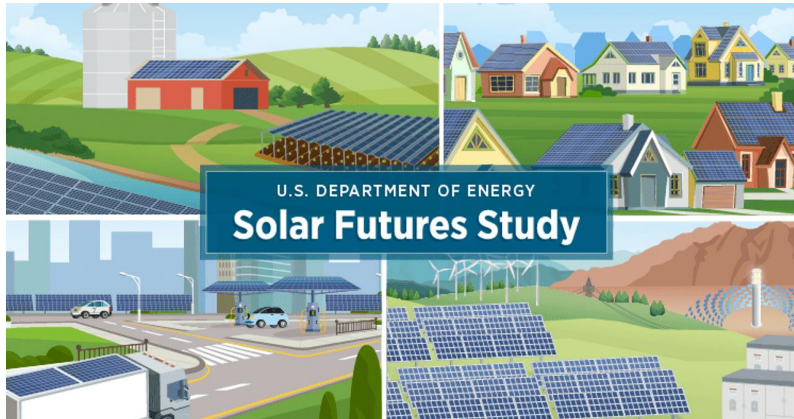
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“In addition to the great pay, interesting work and opportunity to develop new skills, I also love working in solar because of the benefits clean energy brings to local Georgia communities.

Renewable energy projects in our state will provide \$20.8 million in property, state and local taxes this year, which helps fund things like schools and emergency services. Clean energy has also attracted about \$4 billion in private investment across Georgia, helping grow the economy.”

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The role of solar in cleaning up the U.S. electricity grid



“Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today released the Solar Futures Study detailing the significant role solar will play in decarbonizing the nation’s power grid. The study shows that by 2035, solar energy has the potential to power 40% of the nation’s electricity, drive deep decarbonization of the grid, and employ as many as 1.5 million people — without raising electricity prices. The study’s findings call for massive and equitable deployment of clean energy sources, underscoring the Biden Administration’s efforts to tackle the climate crisis and rapidly increase access to renewable power throughout the country.”

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Solar prices are up across all markets due to supply chain constraints, threat of new tariffs



This is the first time that solar prices have increased quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year in every market segment since Wood Mackenzie began modeling system price data in 2014.

“This is a critical moment for our climate future but price increases, supply chain disruptions and a series of trade risks are threatening our ability to decarbonize the electric grid,” said SEIA president and CEO Abigail Ross Hopper. “If we want to incentivize domestic manufacturing and drive enough solar deployment to tackle the climate crisis, we must see action from our federal leaders.”

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Illinois House passes clean energy bill with some big solar wins



“The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act is the moment we have all been waiting for,” said John Delurey, Midwest Senior Regional Director at Vote Solar. “It will save thousands of existing solar jobs and chart a course towards a vibrant, clean, and equitable energy future for Illinois.”

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