



GA Solar

GEORGIA SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIR

Welcome to our newly designed eNews. You will find it easier to read whether on your phone, tablet or computer. We received an anonymous gift (Thank You!) that is also allowing us to update our website. Look for those changes in the fall of 2016.

Solar is rooted in Georgia and we look forward to bringing you the latest news and updates on solar policy and installations in Georgia and throughout the nation. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. You can also visit our website at www.gasolar.org or call us at (404) 522-4775.

Sharon Lee, Chair

SANDHILLS SOLAR FACILITY

Southern Power is developing a 146-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic (PV) solar project in Taylor County, Georgia. Construction of the plant began in September 2015, and the project is expected to achieve commercial operation in the fourth quarter of 2016.



First Solar will be the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for the facility. Southern Power will serve as the operation and maintenance contractor alongside First Solar.

SIZE: The solar facility will be constructed on a 911-acre site in Taylor County.

TECHNOLOGY: The facility is expected to consist of approximately 1.6 million of First Solar's thin-film PV solar modules mounted on single-axis tracking tables.

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Georgia Solar Mission

To advance the sustainable economic and environmental benefits of solar energy for Georgia through

education, advocacy, community and industry support.



WHAT IS SOLARIZE? SOLARIZE ATHENS UPDATE

Solarize Athens is on schedule to triple the amount of solar in greater Athens!

Solarize Athens is an easy and affordable way to go solar. Solarize refers to the purchase of solar panels in bulk in order to realize greater cost savings -- think Costco model.

The Solarize Athens program has been extended for another 30 days until April 30th. The reason for the extension is twofold: 1) there was a surge of interest by businesses in mid-March, and 2) to allow for the exploration of PPAs by non-profits to see if anything can be gleaned from the new HB 57 legislation. Stay tuned!

First-Ever *Women in Solar Energy* Forum



Ga Solar, in partnership with the national organization, **Women in Solar Energy** (WISE), held its *first-ever* "Women in Solar Energy" forum. Sixteen cities across the U.S. participated on Tuesday, February 23rd, and Atlanta came in second to New York with 87 participants in attendance!

Keynote Speaker was Katy Breazeale, CohnReznick, Partner in Charge of the South Central Region Transaction Advisory Group for Renewable Energy, discussing the importance of the extension of the federal Investment Tax Credit (30%) to continue solar development throughout the Southeast. A panel of women playing key roles in Georgia's solar market discussed their careers. The event was held at the Five Seasons Brewing Company in Atlanta.

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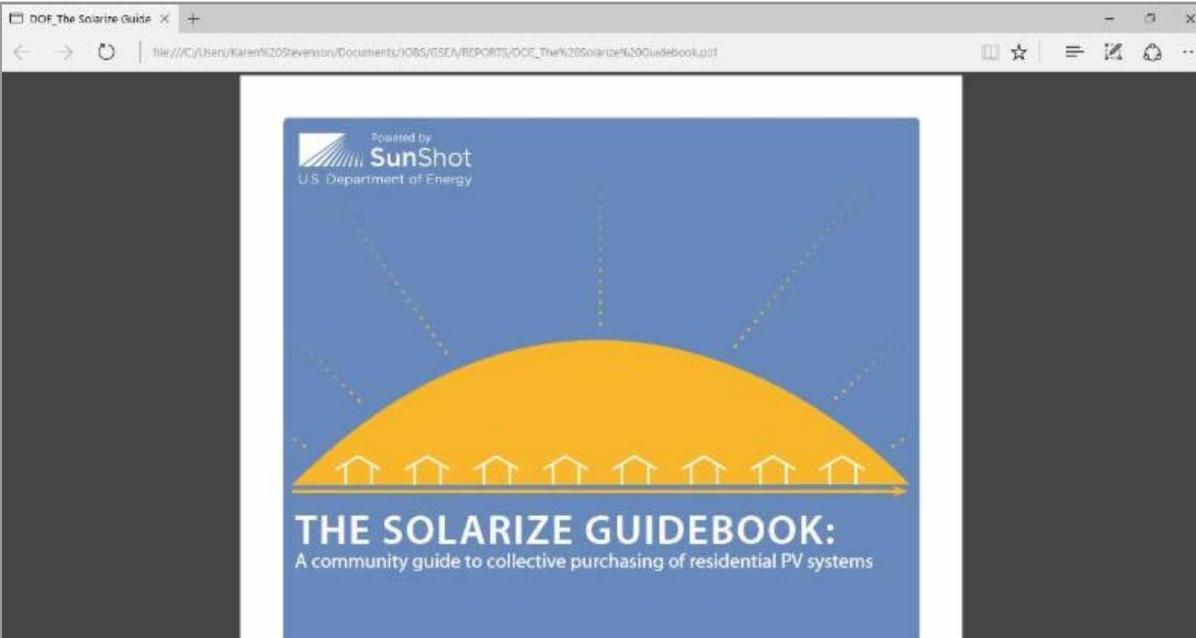
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RESOURCES



The Department of Energy (DOE) SOLARIZE GUIDEBOOK

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**8th Annual 2016 SOLAR SUMMIT
Thursday, October 10, 2016
Georgia Tech Research Institute**



SOLAR in the SOUTHEAST

**Southern farmers turn to solar
as new cash crop**

**Solar powered drones deliver
goods in rural areas**

**Americus business owners
discuss switch to solar**

Marine Corps base in Albany, GA, set to break ground on 44 MW



Solar on the NATIONAL STAGE

Solar Energy is poised for yet another record year

Nevada solar Industry collapses after state lets Power Company raise fees

Even utilities are starting to get behind Community Solar



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