



Illinois Solar for All

ILSFA Office Hours: Energy Sovereignty and ILSFA Q&A

September 22, 2023

Agenda

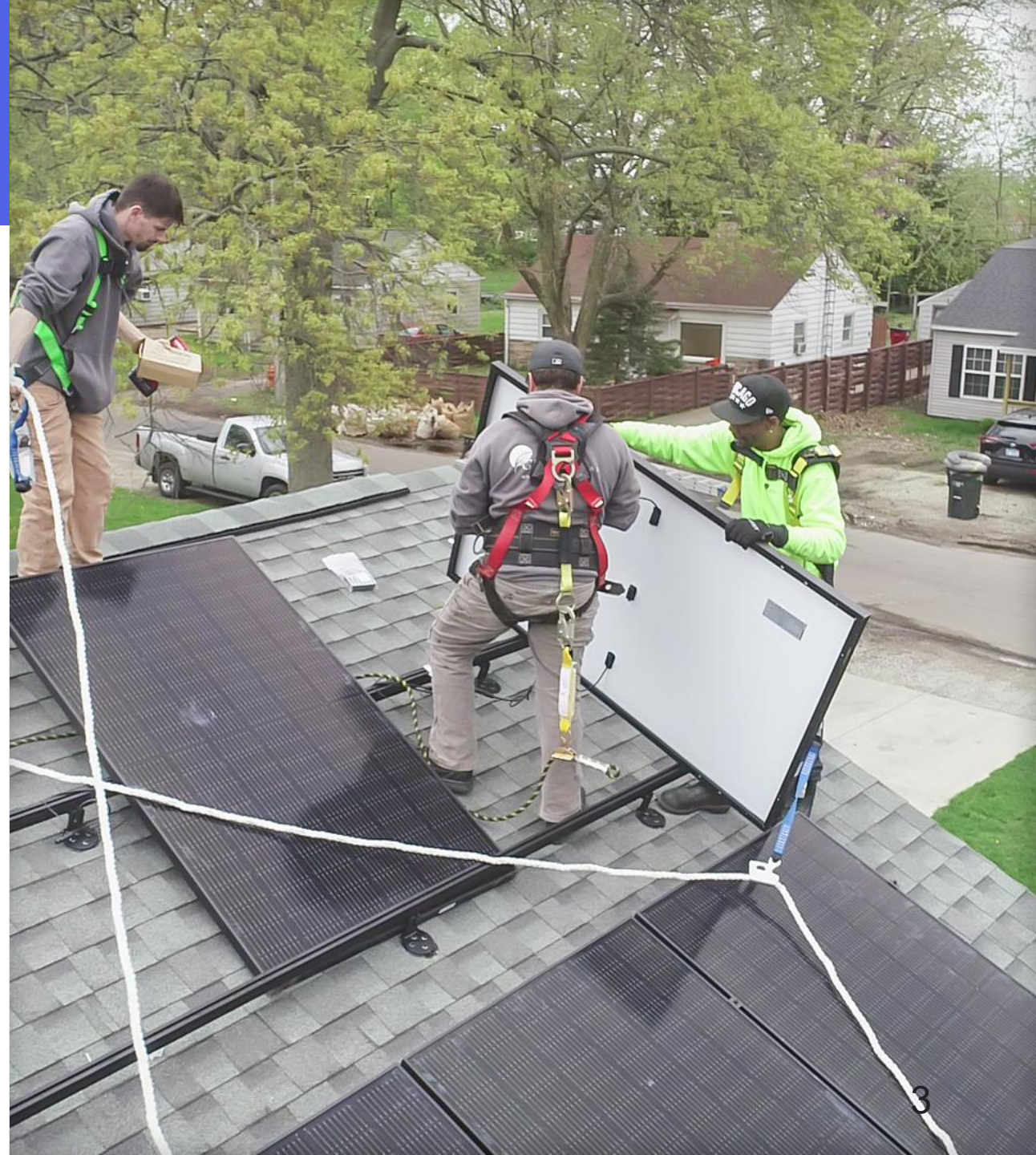


- Welcome
- Introductions
 - Tim Crowder, Team Lead, Vendor Management
 - Elizabeth Hittman, Senior Manager
- Review of ILSFA and Energy Sovereignty
- ILSFA General Q&A



Energy Sovereignty

- To promote ownership and local community wealth building, ILSFA reserves 25% of program incentives for projects that exhibit Energy Sovereignty features, which include:
 - expedited participant system ownership and
 - Community Solar cooperative models.



Energy Sovereignty

Definition:

- “Energy sovereignty” means the eligible low-income household or community organization having or being on a defined path to majority or full ownership of the photovoltaic generating facility or, in the case of a cooperative or community ownership model, a share or membership in the entity that owns the photovoltaic generating facility.
- For the purpose of this definition, “ownership” means not only legal title to the property but also the right to participate in decisions regarding the governance, maintenance, and use of the facility and to benefit from the use of that facility.



Energy Sovereignty

Residential and Non-Profit & Public Facilities Energy Sovereignty:

- Projects within the Residential Solar and Non-Profit and Public Facilities sub-programs can achieve Energy Sovereignty designation through a lease or power purchase agreement (PPA) with an early buyout at **seven years or earlier after energization**.
- Those projects will also receive a **\$10 REC adder** applied to the project's REC contract for RECs **delivered after the transfer of ownership is completed**.
- Residential Solar and Non-Profit and Public Facilities Energy Sovereignty projects must include information on the cost and timing of the transfer of ownership, and any ongoing costs (apart from Operations and Maintenance which the Approved Vendor is responsible for, per Customer Contract Requirements) for the new owner within their third-party owner (TPO) or power purchase agreement (PPA) customer contract.



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Residential and Non-Profit & Public Facilities Energy Sovereignty (continued):

- All ILSFA participant contracts for onsite systems are required to provide a **full system warranty**, as well as **operations and maintenance guarantees** for the duration of the **REC Contract or 15 years**, or the full term of the loan agreement (if longer than 15 years) for a financed system purchase, at no additional cost to participants.
- Participant contracts for projects that are applying to receive Energy Sovereignty adders must also specify the cost and timing of the **transfer of ownership** and any ongoing costs (apart from Operations and Maintenance)



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Community Solar Energy Sovereignty:

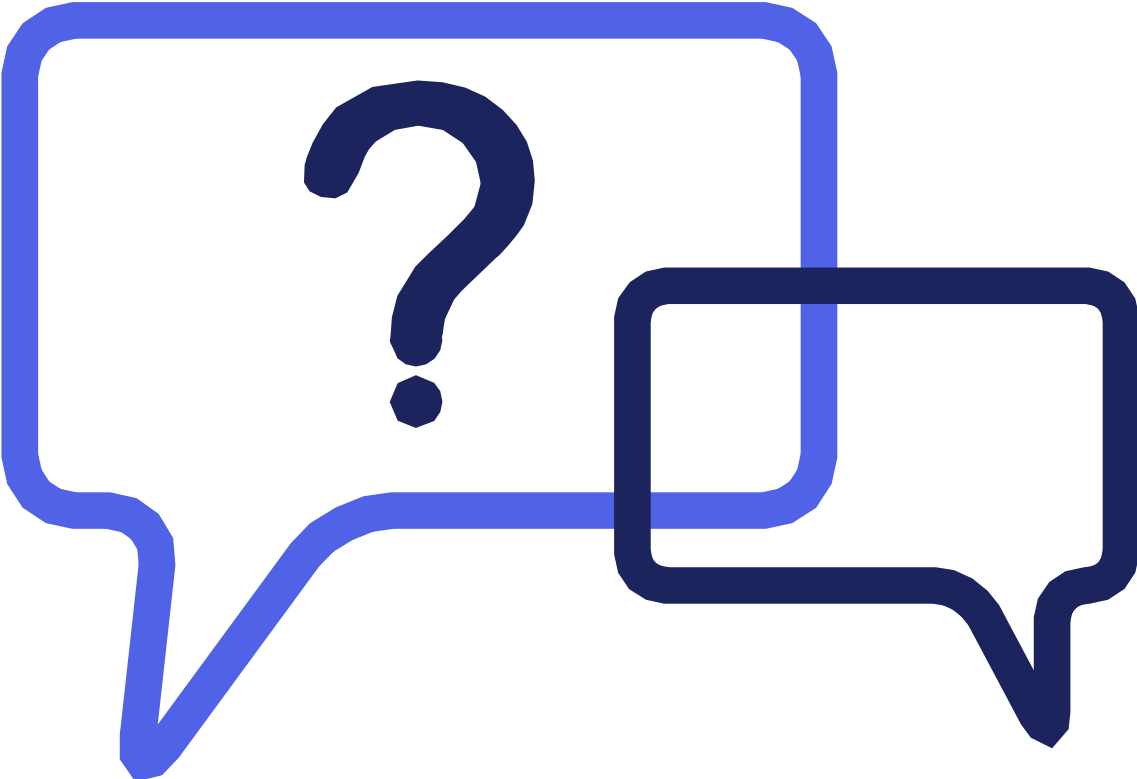
- Projects within the Community Solar sub-program can qualify for Energy Sovereignty designation through an ownership or a cooperative model. The ownership model includes a lease or PPA with a buyout clause that is triggered at seven years or earlier after energization to give the participant ownership of the panels (which may correspond to their subscription to the Community Solar project).
- The cooperative model allows for a co-op organization to sell subscriptions to participants/owners of the co-op, with the participant receiving a low-cost subscription and any financial benefits of ownership.



Transfer of Ownership



Questions?



General ILSFA Questions

- Tim Crowder



Thank You!

Join us next month for our October Office Hours
Friday October 27th at 11am
Topic: Prevailing Wage

