



CICV Solar Updates

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Upcoming Workshops & Community Engagement Opportunities

CICV will be participating in a panel discussing renewable energy in higher education on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. The panel is part of Virginia Renewable Energy Association's Leadership in Energy Advancement and Development (LEAD) series. For more details or to attend, please visit <https://goo.gl/j6kn6E> or contact Lora Toothman at lora@cicv.org.

RFP Update

After CICV announced the preferred vendor for the first Solar RFP on September 27, 2016, the vendor and colleges quickly began individual negotiations, and the first contracts were signed in December 2016. As of June 30, 2017, four colleges had signed contracts for a total of 1,962 kW. Another four colleges are in active negotiations, and we hope to see another two-three megawatts of solar energy under contract by the end of 2017.

To highlight the successful contracts negotiated through our first collaborative solar RFP, and to spread the word about our work to date, CICV is partnering with Governor Terry McAuliffe, Virginia Union University, the U.S. Department of Energy, Tesla, and the Alliance Group, a Richmond public relations firm, to host an announcement on August 23, 2017. Governor McAuliffe will keynote this event, which will also include remarks from Dr. Charlie Gay, Solar Energy Technologies Office Director for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the U.S. Department of Energy, Dr. Joseph Johnson of Virginia Union University, and CICV President, Robert Lambeth.

Until the event, CICV asks that information about Tesla's participation remain confidential.

Reminder: Material from Previous Workshops Available Online at
<http://commons.marymount.edu/cicvsola/>.

Solar Market Pathways Leadership Academy, Sacramento, May 2-4

In early May, CICV's Robert Lambeth and Lora Toothman, Randolph College's Sustainability Coordinator, Sara Woodward, and Optony's Thomas Yurysta joined teams from the other 13 Solar Market Pathways grantees in Sacramento, California for the final Solar Market Pathways Leadership Academy (SMP-LA).

Hosted by the Institute for Sustainable Communities and the U.S. Department of Energy, the SMP-LA gave grantees the chance to learn more about each other's projects, and provided them the opportunity to learn new skills to help them wrap up their own projects at the end of their grants.

Solar Market Pathways Colleges Receive Anonymous Grant

Three Solar Market Pathways colleges in Dominion Energy's service territory took advantage of an anonymous grant to encourage participation in Dominion's pilot power purchase program. This grant will help the colleges defray the soft costs associated with negotiating power purchase agreements with SolarCity/Tesla, or may be applied to the bills for electricity purchased through the PPA. To encourage more colleges to participate in Solar Market Pathways open solar seasons, CICV will be researching similar grant opportunities for future collaborative procurements.

Faculty and Students: Help Develop the Solar Market Pathways Learning Network

CICV is looking for faculty and students interested in engaging with the solar energy industry. In addition to creating a model for collaborative solar procurement, our Solar Market Pathways project is also tasked with researching and identifying opportunities to encourage the adoption of solar energy in Virginia and beyond. If you're a faculty member and would like to incorporate solar energy into an existing or future course, or if you're a student and want to build your knowledge and experience in solar energy, contact Lora Toothman at lora@cicv.org or 804-497-0753/804-305-6113.