

CICV Sun Times

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Welcome to news about your CICV Solar Market Pathways (SMP) project!

CICV Solar Project in the Spotlight

Not only have all of our participating schools been busily engaged in the CICV Solar Project over the past three months, but DOE and others have taken notice. Here are a few notable examples of CICV in the spotlight:

- CICV's project was the "Awardee Highlight" in the recent Solar Market Pathways electronic newsletter (attached below). This article commemorated completion of our 16 campus assessments , which included
 - 3 CICV team members
 - 7 utility territories covered
 - 16 colleges and universities visited
 - 36+ MW potential solar capacity initially identified
 - 100+ stakeholders engaged during campus group meetings

- During the first College & University Affinity Group program on July 2, Eastern Mennonite's success story will be presented by EMU facilities director Eldon Kurtz. (Information about this meeting may be found in the attached SMP newsletter.)

- At the national meeting of all 15 Solar Market Pathways (SMP) grant recipients in Salt Lake City in May, our project consultant, Tyler Espinoza of Optony, was selected to speak.

- CICV's solar workshop at Eastern Mennonite University on May 22 was well attended. Five top-ranking energy leaders from state government participated in the program, and they were part of the audience that heard the solar "success stories" presented by the presidents of EMU and of Washington & Lee, and their respective teams. Thanks to everyone who attended and participated for making this workshop a big success. PowerPoint presentations from this conference are posted on the solar project's website at <http://my.solarroadmap.com/ahj/smp-icv/view> .

Q1 Report

If you would like to know more details about the progress of your Solar Project during January-March, please read the attached first-quarter report submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy by your staff. The second-quarter report is being prepared, with many more accomplishments to report.

APCo Renewable Generation Purchase (RGP) Filing

In April, Appalachian Power (APCo) asked the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to approve its proposed RGP tariff, which would apply to power purchase agreements (PPA's) for colleges and similar entities in APCo's service territory. An APCo representative suggested that CICV consider participating in this case. CICV staff is studying how the proposed tariff could affect CICV's participating schools as they seek to install solar. Ferrum and Appalachian School of Law are currently the only APCo customers among CICV's project schools, and both schools are working in support of CICV's participation in the rate case. Students and faculty from three participating colleges are also developing a model case study to illustrate how the proposal would work for private colleges – a unique clinical learning experience for the students, and useful information for purposes of the rate case. CICV staff thanks law students and Professor Buzz Belleville at ASL for performing legal research in support of this effort, and all schools for their contributions and support.

It is likely that CICV will file a notice of participation in the APCo case in a couple of weeks. Please contact Carol Wampler (carol.cicv@gmail.com) if you have questions or comments. APCo's filing may be found on the SCC website at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/docketsearch/DOCS/325q01!.PDF>.

Grant Application

The Oak Hill Foundation in Charlottesville is offering a grant to a college or university in Virginia that participates in Dominion Virginia Power's PPA pilot program to install solar. CICV has been encouraged to apply on behalf of our solar project's participating colleges that meet the grant's criteria. We communicated recently with our relevant Points of Contact about a group application, and we received expressions of support in reply. If CICV were to receive this grant, we envision that CICV would distribute the funds equitably (probably on a per kW basis) among participating colleges

- that are Dominion customers
- that choose to participate in CICV's upcoming solar RFP
- that sign a contract with a vendor to install solar on their campus
- that is pursuant to a PPA within the Dominion pilot project.

Colleges that meet these criteria could use the Oak Hill grant to help defray hard costs (e.g., PV panels, installation) that are not covered by the current SMP grant. Our current grant covers soft costs only.

Logistics are still being examined, with an eye to submitting an application to Oak Hill in the very near future. Although administration of the grant may entail a significant amount of work, we are diligently looking for ways to get this work done and to help our colleges bring their solar plans to fruition.

Grant writers at our participating colleges are also on the look-out for other grants that could assist participating colleges that do not qualify for the Oak Hill grant.

Questions or comments about the forthcoming Oak Hill application? Please contact Carol Wampler at carol.cicv@gmail.com.

Solar Master Plans

Tyler and Carol have been working to develop the template for our colleges' Solar Master Plans. We were able to share drafts with the schools we visited in the latter parts of our campus visitation schedule. Thanks to everyone for excellent input so far. The latest Solar Master Plan template is

attached, and further input is welcome. Please mark your edits in “track changes” and send the draft back to carol.cicv@gmail.com . We look forward to working with each school over the next several months to develop the Solar Master Plan at your college.

Upcoming Curriculum & Student-Involvement Workshop

By popular demand, our second SMP workshop will address curriculum enhancement and student involvement in solar-related issues. If you would be willing to help Carol plan this workshop, please contact her at carol.cicv@gmail.com . Tentatively, the workshop will occur in September or October.

THANK YOU for your outstanding work

At every campus the solar staff visited, it was clear that administrators, faculty, and students were enthusiastic about the solar project and working hard to bring it to fruition. The campus teams all appeared eager to get the most value from participation in the SMP project – from curriculum enhancement, to energy savings, to attracting new students, to involving current students, to enhancing the college’s image. Thanks for your dedication, leadership, and hard work.

You deserve credit for your work! Please remember that each participating school has a **cost-share** or “in-kind” obligation to the project (that is, hours that any and all college staff and faculty work on project-related tasks). POCs, please keep track of all hours worked by folks on your campus and report them to Carol.

We are currently trying to streamline the cost-share reporting system. In the meantime, please continue to use the existing hourly valuation forms and cost-share forms each month.

More good news . . .

Students and faculty at one of our participating colleges may be working with staff to produce first-class formats for our future solar newsletters and other communications. If there are students at your school who would like to participate in real-life learning experiences related to the solar project, please email Carol at carol.cicv@gmail.com -- and please share these ideas at the Curriculum & Student-Involvement Workshop this fall. Thanks!