

Solar Works for Minnesota

Good Jobs, Clean Energy

Increasing Solar on Minnesota's Local Schools, Police and Fire Stations, and Libraries

LOCAL, CLEAN ENERGY ON OUR PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Minnesota currently spends \$20 billion on purchasing and importing energy from other states and nations. As a state, Minnesota has been aggressively pursuing renewable energy, primarily wind power. However, Minnesota has a vast, untapped solar resource. In fact, Minnesota ranks in the top 10 for solar energy generation potential.

A great place to start reaping the benefits of this solar energy potential is by installing solar on our schools and other public buildings. By enacting legislation that promotes building solar energy capacity on public buildings, Minnesota would get all the benefits that solar has to offer: cleaner, fuel-free electricity, job creation, local economic development, and energy independence. The possibility is enormous: Minnesota's K-12 public schools alone have the space to host enough solar to power over 125,000 Minnesota homes.

JOBS NOW

Solar installations can be put up in a matter of months, immediately stimulating the manufacturing and construction industries that have been hardest hit by the recession. What's more, investment in solar energy creates 14 jobs per \$1 million invested – far outpacing job creation by development of traditional energy sources. The potential exists to save taxpayers money and create thousands of new jobs through generating more energy in Minnesota.

POSITIONING MINNESOTA AS A NATIONAL LEADER

In 2010, solar energy was the fastest growing industry in the United States and was the favorite of venture capitalists nationwide. Minnesota already has a base of solar manufacturers, installers, and researchers. By investing in solar in Minnesota, we position the state to be a national leader, creating the next clean energy business hub in Minnesota.

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PUTTING SOLAR TO WORK FOR MINNESOTA'S SCHOOLS AND OTHER PUBLIC BUILDINGS

- Utilizing solar energy would save Minnesota taxpayers money by reducing the need to import our energy



- Minnesota has a great solar resource
- Schools and other public buildings are a great location for solar across the state
- Minnesota's K-12 public schools alone have the space to host enough solar to power over 125,000 Minnesota homes



- Solar on public buildings would immediately create thousands of jobs
- Solar will save money for public building owners – the taxpayers – through reductions in long-term electricity costs