

# Inclusive Community Solar Adder

## *Launch Webinar*

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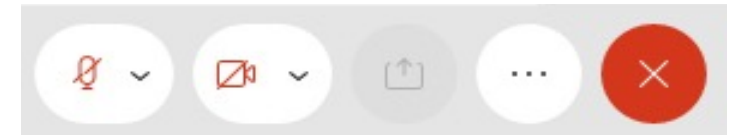



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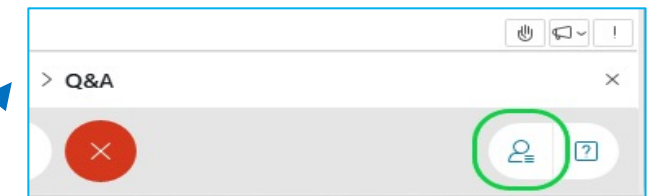
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# Agenda

- > Overview of Program Rules and Process
- > Application walkthrough
- > Marketing & Implementation Plan walkthrough
- > Q&A

# **Overview of Program Rules and Process**

# Inclusive Community Solar Adder

**Goal: Increase access to community solar for low-to-moderate income (LMI) households, help people save money on their electric bills; reduce operating costs for affordable housing and nonprofits serving disadvantaged communities (DACs).**

- > The Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA) was approved in the May 2020 NY-Sun Order as part of \$135 million Solar Energy Equity Framework, and launched on July 20, 2021.
- > ICSA works within the existing CDG rules and NY-Sun program structure. All NY-Sun Participating Contractors can receive the Adder for eligible projects.
- > Available to projects serving low-to-moderate income subscribers, affordable housing, and other facilities serving disadvantaged communities.
- > Estimated Impact: 25,000–50,000 LMI households, affordable housing providers, and facilities serving DACs will receive bill savings from ~500 MW of community solar.

# Key Program Rules and Requirements

*This slide is for reference only, see the NY-Sun Program Manual for complete program rules*

- > CDG projects with approved NY-Sun applications are eligible, new projects must first submit NY-Sun applications and then apply for the ICOSA
- > ICOSA incentive award is based on project type and planned capacity allocated to eligible subscribers
- > ICOSA payment is based on actual, documented capacity allocated to eligible subscribers
- > At least 20% of project capacity must be allocated to eligible residential subscribers
- > The program provides multiple options for documenting that LMI residential subscribers are considered eligible
- > Eligible nonresidential subscribers include qualified affordable housing and nonprofits serving DACs
- > All eligible subscribers must be “new” and used for the ICOSA on only one project

# Program Process Overview

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- > ICSA applications are generated through the NY-Sun Portal
- > Each ICSA application must be associated with an approved NY-Sun application, and the Participating Contractor and Payee must be the same for both applications
- > If a NY-Sun application is assigned to a different Participating Contractor and/or Payee, the ICSA application must be assigned at the same time
- > ICSA applications must include a Marketing & Implementation Plan and associated documentation
- > ICSA payments are invoiced separately from NY-Sun payments, and have separate required documentation
- > ICSA payments are split between at commercial operation payment, a first anniversary payment, and a second anniversary payment, each of which are based on actual performance (capacity allocated to eligible subscribers)

# Incentive Levels and Capacity

Project Type	Adder \$/Watt*	Adder Capacity Block (MW)*
Upstate-MTC or Community Credit	\$0.05	150
Upstate-Community Adder	\$0.10	150
Upstate-No MTC, CC, or CA	\$0.20	100
<b>Upstate Total</b>		<b>400</b>
ConEd Projects**	\$0.10	100
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>500</b>

\*Only applies to the capacity dedicated to eligible subscribers.

\*\*Projects in the ConEd territory that meet additional requirements may be eligible for the Environmental Justice Bonus Incentive, for a total adder of \$.20/W.



# Initial Application Period

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- > In anticipation of potential high initial demand for the ICSA, for applications received before August 31, 2021, NYSERDA will queue application review based on the date of full (75%) interconnection payment for the associated NY-Sun project, and applications will be funded in the order of full interconnection payment.
- > Contractors who have made their 75% interconnection payment but have not submitted their CESIR Milestone deliverables are highly encouraged to do so.
- > Once all projects that have made full interconnection payments have been funded, remaining projects will be queued based on date of initial (25%) interconnection payments.
- > Separate queues will be made as necessary for each project type.
- > After August 31, 2021, applications will be reviewed in the order they are received until all available funding is fully committed.

# Application Walkthrough

# Marketing & Implementation Plan Walkthrough

# Questions?