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Gulf States Renewable Energy Industries Association



- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama
- Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA)
- Solar, Hydrokinetic, Wind, Geothermal
- Trade Representation: Regulatory, Legislative, Arbitration, Self-Policing
- Solar prominent in Louisiana



#### Resources, Capacity, Industry, Jobs

- Solar Resource: Power Potential
- Installed Capacity: Today's systems
- Economic Impacts: Savings and Jobs
- Ramp-up Potential: Solidifying Gains

# Louisiana Solar Resource





#### **Solar Resource**

- Raw Solar Power: 5 kWh per square meter
- Higher than many other areas with more interest and policy support:
  - Germany 3.0 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - New Jersey 4.5 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Pennsylvania 4.3 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Ontario 4.1 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>





# Louisiana Installed Capacity





#### **Utility Reported PV Installations & Corresponding kW**

Utility Type	PV Installations	k₩*
COOP	144	394.0 <mark>1</mark>
IOUS	836	1,445.8
Municipal Electric	62	N/A
TOTAL	1,042	1,839.81

\* Missing kW information for three COOPS and Entergy Louisiana, Entergy Gulf States, & Cleco





#### **Estimated Capacity Solar PV**

- 1042 Grid-Tied Solar PV systems reported to date
- Power ratings provided for 484 of reported systems, averaging 3.8 kW
- Estimated total solar installed capacity in Louisiana between 3.7 and 4.3 MW
- In early 2007, estimated LA capacity less than 20kW

# **Economic Impacts**





#### **Installed Value and Federal Funds**

- Total value of installed residential solar installations in LA is \$33,554,228 (LDR)
- 30% Federal Tax Credit for solar applies to majority of these systems
- Indicates over \$9M in related Federal funds injected into Louisiana economy



# **Owner Energy Cost Savings**

٠	Annual utility savings of 3.8kW PV:	\$600
•	30-year escalated savings:	\$33,651
•	Lifetime savings of all La PV systems:	\$35.1M
•	Lifetime savings of Thermal systems:	\$4.8M
•	Total savings:	\$39.9M

- Energy Savings ROI for Solar Credit: 138%
- Direct economic impact: Post-tax disposable income



# **Employment Estimates**

- 1,042 PV and 3.9MW = 914 New Jobs (JEDI)
- 120+ Statewide Licensed Solar Energy Contractors (LSLBC)
- Informal Industry Survey Indicates Average of 6 Full-time Employees, up to 35 (GSREIA)

Jobs and Economic Development Impact: See <u>www.nrel.gov/analysis/jedi</u> for more information Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, <u>http://www.lslbc.louisiana.gov</u>



#### **Job Categories**

- Direct:
  - Skilled: electricians, plumbers, roofers, laborers
  - Professional: designers, engineers
  - Office: clerical, accounting, management
- Indirect:
  - Engineers, architects, attorneys
  - Warehouse/supply, domestic manufacturing

# Scale Up Opportunities and Benefits





## **Renewable Energy Implementation Plan**

- Public Service Commission Docket
- RFP for 350MW of Utility-Scale Renewable Energy
- 2012-2014 Performance Timeline
- Could Dramatically Boost Installed RE Capacity
- Question: What are the potential economic benefits of expanding to 10, 50, and 100 MW of solar PV in Louisiana?



# **Projected Employment Impacts**

Job Creation with Expanded Solar Capacity

- 10 MW: 2,307
- 50 MW: 11,535
- 100 MW: 23,071

Total estimated jobs during construction and installation period



### Louisiana Renewable Energy

- Strong natural resources
- Favorable markets and costs
- Growing industry with regional potential
- Sustainable high-skill jobs
- Positioning for future international demand

# **Questions/Comments**

