

# SOLAR FEED-IN TARIFF DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the Feed-in Tariff Demonstration Program (FiT)?

Through the FiT Demonstration Program, LADWP will purchase energy from small and medium-scale solar photovoltaic projects (from 30 kilowatts up to 999 kilowatts in ac capacity) within our service territory (including the City of Los Angeles and portions of the Owens Valley).

FiT is a distributed generation (DG) program, meaning that the power is generated close to where it is consumed. It provides LADWP customers the opportunity to sell energy to LADWP by using their property as the DG site. The purpose of the demonstration program is to test and fine-tune the program structure and elements to ensure a successful future Feed-in Tariff program.

The demonstration program will offer 10 MW, which will ramp up to between 75 MW and 150 MW for the full program.

### How will the program work?

LADWP plans to purchase solar energy from projects under a long-term Standard Offer Power Purchase Agreement (SOPPA) that will be offered through competitive bids. This will include all energy, capacity rights, and environmental attributes associated with the project.

The SOPPA will be a standardized contract for all participants, for up to 20 years in duration. Participants will be paid the bid base price of energy multiplied by the Time-of-Delivery (TOD) factors as described in the FiT Guidelines, which can be found at [www.ladwp.com/fit](http://www.ladwp.com/fit).

### What are the regulations or policies driving the program?

FiT stems from recent state laws, including SB 32, that require state utilities to offer Feed-in Tariff programs to meet a proportionate share of 750 MW statewide. LADWP's proportionate share is 75 MW. In addition, LADWP has committed to supporting the development of local renewable energy projects as part of its strategy for meeting the state RPS mandate of reaching 33% renewables by 2020.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Reliable:** Maintain the reliability of the LADWP electric grid.
- **Cost Effective:** Control costs to achieve the best value for customers overall.
- **Dependable:** Ensure that projects will be built and contribute to RPS targets.
- **Sustainable:** Provide for a steady program pace and growth over time.
- **Transparent:** Develop a clearly defined participation process.

## NEXT STEPS

- The start date for the application period for a 10 megawatt FiT Solar Demonstration Program and application deadline will be posted on the program website ([www.ladwp.com/fit](http://www.ladwp.com/fit)).
- Applicants submit completed applications as specified in the Guidelines, including a bid for base price of energy. Applicants must meet all eligibility and minimum technical requirements.
- LADWP will rank projects based on lowest cost to LADWP; smaller capacity size and geographic diversity will be used as tie breakers.
- Upon being short-listed, applicants must apply for an interconnection study and pay a fee. LADWP will then conduct an interconnection study and notify applicants of the estimated cost for the interconnection.
- To proceed further, short-listed applicants must sign the SOPPA and Interconnection Agreement, and pay a development deposit or drop out. Applicant must also pay 10% of the estimated interconnection cost prior to execution of the SOPPA.

\* Fees and technical requirements are listed on the reverse side.

<b>ELIGIBLE PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Size</b>	30kW to 999kW(ac)
<b>Renewable Resource Type</b>	Solar Electric (PV, Thin-film, CPV, etc.)
<b>Location</b>	Must be within LADWP Service Territory
<b>Site</b>	One project per parcel
<b>Interconnection Voltage</b>	4.8 kV or 34.5 kV
<b>Commercial Operation Date</b>	Only projects with a commercial operation date after 1/1/12 date will be considered and must be operational within 18 months of signing the SOPPA.
<b>Participation in Other LADWP Programs</b>	Successful projects under this solicitation are not eligible for any other incentives administered by LADWP. Net-metered projects or projects that have received solar incentives from LADWP are not eligible for FiT payments.

<b>MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Developer Experience</b>	At least one member of development team has developed one or more similar projects
<b>Technology</b>	Solar Electric (PV, Thin-film, CPV, etc.)
<b>Site Control</b>	Must demonstrate site control over proposed site
<b>System Diagram</b>	Must provide preliminary site diagram showing the layout of the proposed system and single-line diagram
<b>Production Profile</b>	Must provide a 24 hour by 12 month expected power production profile
<b>Application</b>	All forms must be completed as requested

<b>FEES AND DEPOSITS</b>	
<b>Application Fee</b>	\$500 for (30-150kW) projects/\$1000 for (151-999kW) projects (Submit with FiT Application) Non-refundable
<b>Interconnection Study Fee</b>	\$750 for (30-150kW) projects/\$1500 for (151-999kW) projects (Submit after being notified of short-listing) Non-refundable
<b>Estimated Interconnection Cost</b>	Subject to Interconnection Study
<b>Development Deposit</b>	\$50 per kW (Submit after being notified of final selection)

Program documents can be found at: [www.ladwp.com/fit](http://www.ladwp.com/fit)

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