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## Request for Information (“RFI”) FY26 Maryland Solar Access Program

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The Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) has released this request for information (“RFI”) to solicit feedback from the solar PV industry, as well as the public at large, regarding the upcoming FY26 Maryland Solar Access Program (MSAP). The questions below are provided for specific comments, but MEA welcomes all feedback for the forthcoming FY26 MSAP. Responses to this RFI should be completed in a clear and concise format. Submission instructions are provided at the end of this document.

### **Application Process: Please provide feedback on the MSAP online application portal and program documentation.**

- Has the online application portal provided a good application experience? Please explain.
- Are there any improvements to the portal or additional features MEA should consider for future program offerings?
- What information should be collected and how should it be displayed on the FY26 MSAP disclosure form for Solar PV leases and Solar PV Power Purchase Agreements?
- How do current shipping and lead times impact the 180-day timeline to install? Please be specific.

### **Participating Contractor List: Please provide feedback on the specific questions below:**

- How can MEA better identify the third parties involved in each solar installation?
- How can MEA better understand the relationship between Project Sellers and Project Installers for solar PV systems?
- Would defining “third-party” in the scope of the program help contractors better understand involvement in the MSAP?
- Please provide any information to help MEA understand the different business models for Solar PV sales and installation. This helps us ensure that we are providing the best experience for Marylanders.

### **Consumer Protection Policy and Minimum Benefit Requirements: Please provide feedback on the specific questions below:**

- When considering the entirety of a solar installation project, what should be included when calculating the total project cost?
- Should MEA base minimum benefit requirements only on the cost of the solar system? Or on the cost of the entire project (which may include roof repair, tree removal, etc)?
- How should MEA ask for other financial incentives, tax credits, and rebates to be identified for the project?

- What is the best way to ensure financial savings for Maryland Residents who participate in the MSAP?
- What are the biggest barriers to finding cost savings for customers?
- How do you calculate the lifetime solar cost savings for a customer after the solar system is installed?
- Can you provide examples or case studies showing the minimum benefit savings from recent solar installations?
- What factors most significantly affect the cost savings for a customer installing solar?
- How do financing options (e.g., loans, leases, power purchase agreements) affect the minimum savings realized by the customer?
- What role do energy storage systems (e.g., batteries) play in enhancing savings for solar system customers?
- **For Solar Contractors:** How do you educate consumers about their energy consumption, maintenance needs, and how to maximize their savings from the solar system?

**Please submit responses in a legible, organized format  
via email to [SolarAccess.MEA@Maryland.gov](mailto:SolarAccess.MEA@Maryland.gov)**

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