SOLSMART TWIN CITIES PERMITTING TRAINING AGENDA

HOST:
Gayle Prest (Minneapolis)

PRESENTERS:
Alexandra Aznar (NREL), Jason Coughlin (NREL), Brian Ross (GPI), Bill Brooks (Brooks Engineering)

AUDIENCE:
Local government permitting, inspection, & building department staff

Communities that attend this course will fulfill the following SolSmart criteria:

- I-1: Provide cross-training of inspection and permitting staff on solar PV via in-person or online resources. (Required for Silver and Gold)
- P-8: Train permitting staff on best practices for permitting solar PV and/or solar and storage systems.
- Potentially other permitting criteria if best practices highlighted during workshop are adopted.

DON’T WAIT, RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

TRAINING SCHEDULE - MARCH 8, 2017

Welcome and Introductions 8:30a - 8:45a

SolSmart Overview: This session introduces prospective and existing SolSmart communities to the SolSmart program. Topics will include:
- Intro/overview of solar soft costs
- SolSmart designation levels and criteria (focused on permitting criteria)
- Examples of technical assistance provided through the SolSmart program
- Minnesota overview: where do MN SolSmart cities fall and what are biggest opportunities and challenges ahead

SolSmart Overview: 8:45a - 9:15a

Break 9:45a - 10:00a

Solar & Permitting 101: This session will cover solar permitting best practices.
Topics will include:
- Online checklists
- Permitting applications and turnaround times
- Streamlined vs. standard reviews
- Calculating fees
- Considerations for fire and safety staff

Solar & Permitting 101: 10:00a - 11:15a

Break 11:15a - 11:30a

Storage & Permitting 101: This session will cover storage permitting best practices.
Topics will include:
- Considerations for fire and safety staff
- Online checklists
- Permitting applications and turnaround times
- Streamlined vs. standard reviews
- Calculating fees
- Considerations for fire and safety staff

Storage & Permitting 101: 11:30a - 12:15p

Break 12:15p - 1:15p

Optional Technical Assistance: SolSmart experts will be available for one-on-one consultations to review SolSmart permitting criteria, specific community pathways to designation, and additional resources.

Optional Technical Assistance: 1:15p - 3:00p