

## **Go SOLAR Florida Solar Rights Workshop**

Course Description: Go SOLAR Florida is part of a US Department of Energy (DOE) initiative which strives to make solar energy cost-competitive with other forms of energy by the end of the decade. One of the objectives of this project is to educate consumers about the benefits of solar energy, especially to inform them of their rights regarding the installation of a solar energy system under Florida law. This workshop will briefly review the different types of solar technologies on the market in Florida,

### **Course Syllabus**

#### **Educating Florida Residents, Contractors and Community Associations About Florida's Solar Rights Law**

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#### **I. Course Description**

##### **A. Content**

1. Define solar energy technologies
2. Detail financial incentives available for residential installations
3. Detail financial incentives available for commercial installations
4. Understand the competitive edge from installing green energy technologies

##### **B. Number of Classroom Hours**

1. 2.5 hours

##### **C. Overall Goal of the Course**

1. Improve understanding of solar technologies
2. Learn about the benefits of solar energy
3. Learn about Florida's regulation of solar energy installations
4. Understand the process for obtaining approval of a solar energy installation from public and private entities

##### **D. Performance Objectives**

1. Create greater awareness of solar energy
2. Enhance consumer, contractor, and regulatory entity understanding of solar energy's value
3. Provide an understanding of Florida's regulation of solar energy installations
4. Reduce the barriers to installation of solar energy

## Detailed Course Outline

15 minutes	Registration and Sign In
10 minutes	Introduction of Instructor and Participants
15 minutes	Overview of Solar Technologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solar Water Heating</li><li>• Solar Pool Heating</li><li>• Photovoltaics (Solar Electric)</li></ul>
30 minutes	Regulation of Solar Energy Installations in Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quality Control Measures<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Codes and Standards</li><li>○ Licensing</li><li>○ Permitting</li><li>○ Inspection</li></ul></li><li>• Public and Private Land Use Regulation<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Planning and Zoning</li><li>○ Restrictive Covenants</li><li>○ Architectural Guidelines</li><li>○ Landscape Ordinances</li><li>○ Historic Preservation</li></ul></li></ul>
15 minutes	Break
30 minutes	Florida's Solar Rights Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History of the Right to Sunlight</li><li>• Section 163.04, Florida Statutes (Solar Rights)</li><li>• Section 718.113, Florida Statutes (Condominiums)</li><li>• Section 704.07, Florida Statutes (Solar Easements)</li><li>• Case Studies</li><li>• How to communicate effectively with your HOA</li></ul>
30 minutes	Questions
5 minutes	Evaluation
Total: 150 Minutes	