



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – Solar on Schools:

This Memorandum of Understanding is designed to establish a mutual understanding and detail the terms of participation for _____ (Grantee) to participate in and receive a grant from the Couillard Solar Foundation’s Solar on Schools initiative being administered by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA).

The Couillard Solar Foundation (CSF) strives to promote the expansion of solar energy in the great state of Wisconsin. The foundation partners with Wisconsin local non-profits to create innovative programs to support renewable energy because when Wisconsin goes solar, we all benefit. CSF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The foundation aims to spread the message that solar energy is not only green environmentally, but financially as well.

The Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Together with partners around the Midwest, we work to expand renewable energy adoption through innovative programs, renewable energy training, and educational events. The MREA promotes renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable living through education and demonstration.

The Solar on Schools initiative fosters the expansion of solar power among K-12 schools in Wisconsin, issuing grants and providing support for schools to install solar arrays on their facilities.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the terms of the assistance program from MREA and solar PV module donation from CSF.

Grantee Name:

Grantee Point of Contact:

Grantee Address:

Grantee Phone and Email:

As part of receiving this Solar on Schools grant, MREA and (Grantee) will work together, as defined below, to publicly highlight the installation of the solar array to spread the word and educate Wisconsin about the benefits of solar.

Commitment by MREA

As part of this initiative, MREA will:

1. Reserve and hold, the grant for _____ (maximum of 50kW DC) with an estimated value of \$_____ for up to 12 months, until _____(date).
2. Guarantee that modules referenced in (1) – (3) will be new modules (not recycled or reused) that have valid factory (manufacturer and/or performance) warranties, and tested to UL 1703 standards. See attached module spec sheet for specifics. Module warranties will be honored by the manufacturer and organized directly through [Speed Solar](#).
3. Guarantee, unless extenuating circumstances arise, that Modules referenced in (1) – (2) will be **Philadelphia Solar PS-M72-370 Bifacial modules**
4. If circumstances arise where a change order becomes necessary on above (3), MREA will make every effort to give distantly advanced notice to grantee and will provide equal or comparable modules to grantee meeting (1)-(2) commitments.
5. Guarantee shipping or pickup location of modules from Couillard Solar Foundation warehouse in Deerfield, WI. If shipped, modules will only be sent direct to installation site once construction begins. Note- shipping is to be organized and paid for solely by installer; modules can be loaded free of charge at the Deerfield warehouse location.
6. Provide support and guidance to the grantee throughout the fundraising and installation process.
7. Make a good faith effort to attend and help publicize any solar education sessions, dedication Ceremonies, or other related events hosted by Grantee. In fact, we highly encourage ribbon cutting and similar ceremonies.

Commitment by Grantee

As part of this initiative, Grantee will:

1. Provide all time and resources needed to install a _____**DC/AC** solar array at its facility, including collaborating with and overseeing contractors, providing materials and documentation and any other needed administration.
2. Use this grant exclusively for its solar project (i.e. for no other project/purpose).
3. Raise all additional funds needed to complete the installation of the solar project within 12 months. Recognizing that this is a cost-sharing arrangement, Grantee will seek funding from additional sources including: (please include all planned funding sources):

4. If grantee does not install the solar array within 12 months, they understand that MREA will cancel the grant reservation and make the funds available to other grantees, unless another mutually agreed solution is reached.
5. Check in with MREA within 6 months from the date of this MOU, no later than _____ (6 months) and provide a brief, written progress report on its fundraising plan.
6. Within one year of project completion, grantee will provide MREA with a case study/guiding document on the project including contact information for a project point person. Please see attached template. Additional suggestions to include:

- Document its solar installation process with photos and videos of key milestones of the system installation and commissioning and make all photos or videos available to MREA to share in promotional materials.
 - Make information about the size and performance of the solar array, as well as expected cost savings and return-on-investment information, available to share in promotional materials and with MREA.
7. Within 3 months of project completion, grantee will host a ribbon cutting/other ceremony, or send press releases publicly highlighting (at minimum) the project, the benefits of solar for your school, and the Solar on Schools grant through the MREA.
 8. By signing this MOU, Grantee certifies that it is eligible to participate in this program as a Wisconsin K-12 school in good financial standing to make this investment and with authority to make this decision.

This MOU does not constitute a contract detailing service delivery and terms to be signed between the grantee and its solar contractor. Any contract(s) signed between grantee and its chosen installation contractor(s) will be exclusively between the two parties; MREA is not responsible for those contract(s) and will not be a party to those contract(s).

No rights, responsibilities or liabilities will be assigned to MREA through this program or grantee's pursuit of a solar array. Grantee will release and hold harmless MREA and its affiliates, officers, agents and employees from any claims, damages, expenses and obligations arising from this program or any circumstances related to its facility or its pursuit of a solar array.

Signature *Date*

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