

Commerce announces 2016 Made in Minnesota solar incentive amounts

The Minnesota Department of Commerce announced on Nov. 6, 2015 incentive amounts for Made in Minnesota solar panels for the third year (2016) of the 10-year, \$15-million-a-year Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program.

The solar incentive program is available to customers of investor-owned electric utilities who install solar electric systems (also known as solar photovoltaic [PV]) using solar modules certified as manufactured in Minnesota. Modules from four Minnesota companies—tenKsolar, Silicon Energy, Heliene and Itek Energy—have been certified for the program to date. Applications will be accepted annually from January 1-February 28 each year through 2023 and will be selected by lottery.

2016 Solar Incentive Amounts

Commercial For Profit—for systems less than 40 kW

- Silicon Energy Voyageur Module = \$.23/kWh
- tenKsolar Module XT-A = \$.13/kWh
- Heliene Modules = \$.13/kWh
- Itek Energy Module = \$.18/kWh

Tax Exempt/Nonprofit/Government—for systems less than 40 kW

- Silicon Energy Voyageur Module = \$.25/kWh
- tenKsolar Module XT-A = \$.15/kWh
- Heliene Modules = \$.15/kWh
- Itek Energy Module = \$.20/kWh

Residential—for systems less than 10 kW

- Silicon Energy Voyageur Module = \$.30/kWh
- tenKsolar Module XT-A = \$.23/kWh
- Heliene Modules = \$.23/kWh
- Itek Energy Module = \$.27/kWh

Incentives for PV systems are performance-based—established by a system’s energy production—and paid out over 10 years. Incentive amounts vary based on manufacturers’ installed costs and other factors.

The Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program is administered by the Minnesota Department of Commerce with an annual budget of up to \$15 million for 10 years, of which up to \$250,000 per year can be reserved for solar thermal rebates. About 50 percent of the incentives will go to residential systems and about 50 percent to commercial.

More information on Made in Minnesota program is available on the [Commerce website](#). Questions can be directed to the Department of Commerce Energy Information Line: 651-539-1886 or toll free at 1-800-657-3710.