

The DOE would like to clarify that the optional Letters of Intent to Apply can be submitted after the December 2 deadline. The Letters of Intent to Apply will continue to be helpful to the review process as long as they are submitted prior to January 12, 2012.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT**



**SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAM,
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY,
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

SUNSHOT INCUBATOR PROGRAM - SOFT COST REDUCTION

**Funding Opportunity Number DE-FOA-0000607
CFDA Number 81.087**

FOA Issue Date:	November 15, 2011
Submission Deadline for Notices of Intent to Apply: (OPTIONAL)	January 12, 2012
Q&A Webinar for Applicants:	December 9, 2011
First Deadline for Questions to SunShot.Incubator@ee.doe.gov :	5 PM ET, December 9, 2011
Submission Deadline for Concept Papers:	5 PM ET, January 16, 2011
Expected Date of Concept Paper Notification:	5 PM ET, February 6, 2012
Q&A Webinar for Applicants:	February 20, 2012
Second Deadline for Questions to SunShot.Incubator@ee.doe.gov :	5 PM ET, February 20, 2012
Submission Deadline for Full Applications:	5 PM ET, March 5, 2012
Expected Date for Release of Reviewer Comments:	5 PM ET, March 26, 2012
Submission Deadline for Replies to Reviewer Comments: (OPTIONAL)	5 PM ET, March 28, 2012
Expected Dates of Pre-Selection Conference Calls and Presentations:	April 9-April 27, 2012
Expected Date for Selection Notifications:	May 4, 2012

- To facilitate the timely review of applications, Applicants are kindly requested to submit a Notice of Intent to Apply, as described in Section IV.B of the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), to SunShot.Incubator@ee.doe.gov as early as possible.
- To apply to this FOA, please register with the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) online application portal, EERE eXCHANGE, at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/Registration.aspx>. The “EERE eXCHANGE Applicant User Guide” is available at <https://eere-foa.energy.gov/Manuals.aspx>. Required forms for Full Applications are available at <https://eere-exchange.energy.gov/FAQ.aspx?Foald=9b0fa116-6f34-4078-9891-a3421679962e>.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Federal Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Solar Energy Technologies Program (SETP)
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Expected Date for Execution of Awards:	May 31, 2012
Expected Start Date for Projects:	June 1, 2012
Application Process Overview:	<p>Please see Section II.B of the FOA for an overview of the application process. The application process consists of the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Intent to Apply: Optional. The purpose of Notices of Intent to Apply is to facilitate the timely review of applications. See Section IV.B of the FOA for content and form requirements for Notices of Intent to Apply. • Concept Paper: Mandatory. The purpose of the Concept Paper phase is to save Applicants the considerable time and expense of preparing a Full Application

	<p>that is unlikely to be selected for award negotiations. Only Applicants that submit a compliant and responsive Concept Paper are eligible to submit a Full Application. See Section IV.C of the FOA for content and form requirements for Concept Papers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full Application: Mandatory. See Section IV.D. of the FOA for content and form requirements for Full Applications.• Reply to Review Comments: Optional. Each compliant and responsive Full Application will be considered on the merits regardless of whether a Reply to Reviewer Comments is submitted. See Section IV.E of the FOA for content and form requirements for Replies to Reviewer Comments.• Pre-Selection Conference Calls: At discretion of DOE. See Section II.B.6 of the FOA for further information.• Pre-Selection Presentations: At discretion of DOE. See Section II.B.7 of the FOA for further information. <p>Concept Papers, Full Applications, and Replies to Reviewer Comments are deemed compliant if they meet the criteria stated in Section III.C.1 of the FOA. Concept Papers and Full Applications are deemed responsive if they meet the criteria in Section III.C.2 of the FOA. Noncompliant and/or nonresponsive submissions are not considered for award.</p>
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