



Exploring Appalachian Ohio’s Solar Energy Future

The Southeast Solar Congress

November 10, 2016 • Hocking College

WORKING AGENDA (subject to change):

9 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Registration	
9:30 – 10 a.m.	Welcome	<p>Tony Logan, State Director <i>USDA Ohio Rural Development</i></p> <p>Michelle Decker, CEO <i>Rural Action</i></p> <p>Earl Gohl, Federal Co-Chair (invited) <i>Appalachian Regional Commission</i></p>
10 – 10:30 a.m.	The Potential for Utility Scale Solar	Dr. Evan Blumer, Energy Consultant <i>Osomono, Ltd.</i>
10:30 – 10:40 a.m.	Networking Break	
10:40 – 11:20 a.m.	Installers: the View from the Rooftop	<p>Christie Hooks, Energy Coordinator (Moderator) <i>USDA Ohio Rural Development</i></p> <p>Dan Quinlan, Owner <i>Valley Energy Solar</i></p> <p>Jarrold Starr, Solar Consultant <i>Third Sun Solar & Wind Power</i></p> <p>David Cohen, Business Development <i>Dovetail Solar & Wind</i></p> <p>Sheldon Stutzman, Solar Consultant <i>Paradise Energy Solutions</i></p>
11:20 – 11:50 a.m.	Solar Cooperatives & Buyers Networks	<p>Luke Sulfridge, Program Director <i>Ohio Solar United Neighborhoods</i></p> <p>Sarah Conley Ballew, Director <i>Upgrade Athens County</i></p>
11:50 – 12:45 p.m.	Working lunch with keynote	David Wilhelm, Chief Strategy Officer <i>Hecate Energy</i>

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12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	Lenders: Paving the Way to Affordability	Randy Monhemius, Energy Coordinator (Moderator) <i>USDA Ohio Rural Development</i> Kevin O'Connor, WV Business Lender <i>The Conservation Fund</i> Jeff Salesman, VP, Commercial Lending <i>Ridgestone Bank</i> Matt Smith, Chief Investment Officer <i>Solential Energy Solutions</i> Art Oestrike, owner <i>Jackie O's Pub and Brewery</i> Patrick Sarver, General Field Representative <i>USDA Rural Utilities Service</i>
2 – 2:30 p.m.	Sizing, Pricing and Payoff: When to Pull the Trigger	Eric Romich, Extension Field Specialist <i>Energy Development: OSU Extension</i>
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Where the Jobs Are	Steve Hilliard, VP Business Services <i>Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth</i> Jay Warmke, author and builder <i>Blue Rock Station</i> James (Drew) Dyer, PV Instructor <i>Hocking College Advanced Energy</i> Rob Dorans, Legal Counsel <i>ACT Ohio (Affiliated Construction Trades)</i> Dan Sawmiller <i>Appalachian Ohio Solar Supply Chain Initiative Veterans Program</i>
3:45 - 4 p.m.	Wrap-up, Next Steps & Adjourn	Michelle Decker Tony Logan