

# Updates to NY-Sun Program Manual

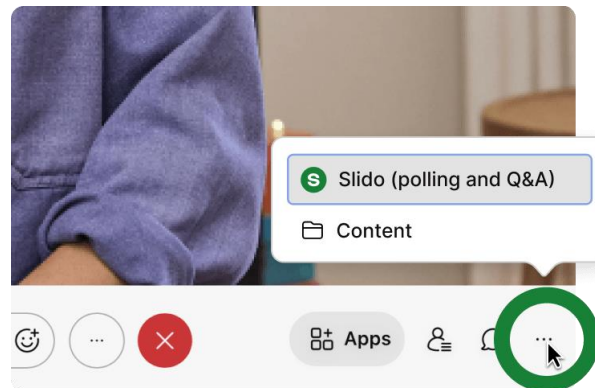
**The NY-Sun Team**  
**March 4, 2026**



**NYSERDA**  
New York State Energy Research  
and Development Authority

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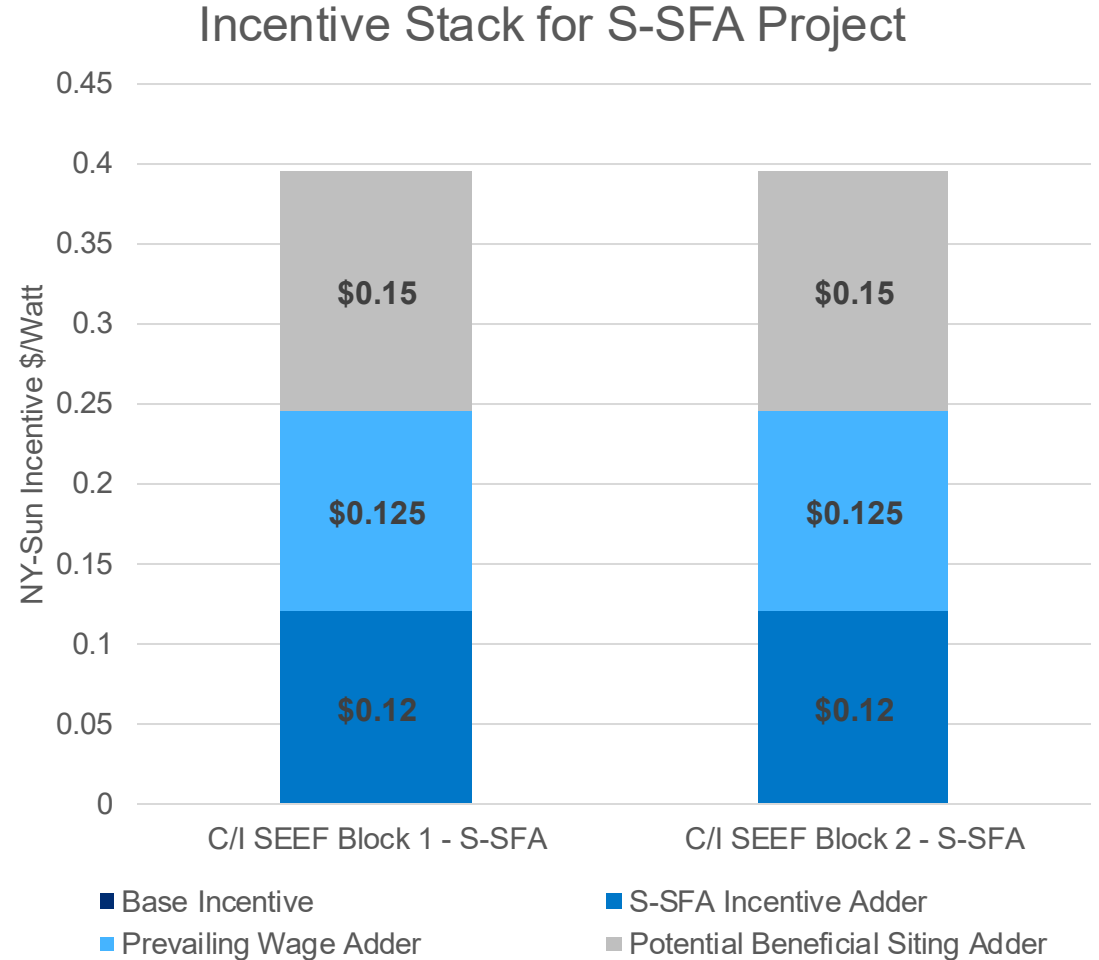
- Solar Energy Equity Framework (SEEF) Block Updates
- Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA) Updates
- Incentive Adder Updates
- Other Program Manual Updates
- Prevailing Wage Requirements & Resources
- Questions

## **PRESENTERS**

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## Solar Energy Equity Framework (SEEF) Updates

- Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1 is Full and Closed
- **Upstate C/I SEEF Block 2 is Open**
  - 400 MW Capacity, [dashboard available](#)
  - Projects must apply for Statewide Solar for All (S-SFA) Adder, \$0.12/watt
  - Projects aren't eligible for Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA)
  - Prevailing Wage Adder available
  - Beneficial Siting Adders available



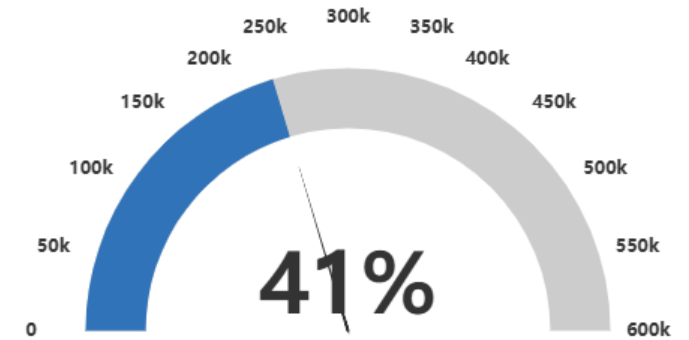
## SEEF Updates: Inclusive Community Solar Adder (ICSA)

- The following project types are eligible for ICSA, while capacity is available:

Capacity Blocks	Upstate	ConEdison
Previously Approved MW Block Awards	Eligible	Eligible
Future MW Block Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- N/A for C&amp;I (MW block program is closed)</li> <li>- NonRes MW Block is Eligible</li> </ul>	Eligible
Previously Approved SEEF Block 1 Awards	Eligible	N/A
Future Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1 Awards	N/A (SEEF Block 1 closed)	N/A
Upstate C/I SEEF Block 2 Awards	Not Eligible	N/A

## SEEF Updates: ICSA Capacity

- An [ICSA Upstate dashboard](#) is available that displays the status of the available capacity.
  - All Upstate ICSA applications (both MW Block and SEEF Block) draw down against the total 600 MW of capacity.
  - If a SEEF Block 1 project does not apply for ICSA before capacity is exhausted, that project must enroll in S-SFA (see next slide).
- **ICSA Con Edison capacity:** Applications for the ICSA in the Con Ed region remain open.
  - A 40 MW Con Edison ICSA block and dashboard will be posted soon, approximately 20 MW is already allocated



• **Total Block Size:** 600,000 kW

ICSA Upstate Dashboard  
as of March 4, 2026

ICSA ConEdison Dashboard  
(forthcoming)

**SEEF UPDATES – ICSA CONTINUED**  
**SUBMITTING PROJECT APPLICATIONS: UPSTATE C/I SEEF BLOCK 1**

**Step 1:**  
**Submit a NY-Sun Application**

Fill out a NY-Sun application as done currently. The application will have a new "checkbox" option to indicate if the project intends to participate in S-SFA or ICSA.  
Projects may change this election **one time, before invoicing.**

**Step 2:**  
**NYSERDA Review & ICSA Application (if applicable)**

NYSERDA will review applications and issue award letters to approved applications.

**Step 3:**  
**Project Invoicing**

**S-SFA Project Path:**

Select "S-SFA Adder" checkbox.  
Upload the utility enrollment confirmation.

NY-Sun award will include Prevailing Wage Adder, any Beneficial Siting Adders, and S-SFA Adder.

The **entire** NY-Sun incentive is contingent upon project interconnecting and remaining in S-SFA. Approved NY-Sun projects can invoice for the PW, S-SFA, and potential beneficial siting adders when the project is completed.

**ICSA Project Path:**

Select "ICSA" checkbox.  
No additional info needed for NY-Sun application.

NY-Sun award will include Prevailing Wage Adder and any Beneficial Siting Adders.  
**After NY-Sun approval, project must submit ICSA application to receive ICSA award.**

The **entire** NY-Sun incentive is contingent upon meeting and maintaining ICSA requirements.  
Projects will submit a NY-Sun commercial operation invoice (PW and/or Beneficial Siting) followed by an ICSA invoice.  
Commercial operation invoice is payable upon confirmation that minimum ICSA requirements have been met. ICSA fixed and performance incentive invoicing will follow the current structure (commercial operation + two annual payments)

# Incentive Adder Updates: Brownfield/Landfill Adder Eligibility Criteria

## Existing Eligible Sites:

- a) NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Program sites
- b) Closed solid waste landfills
- c) Current or former hazardous waste facilities
- d) NYS Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal sites
- e) Mines

## New Eligible Site:

**f) Former solid waste facilities regulated under 6 NYCRR Part 360** provided that NYSDEC has issued written confirmation that:

- (1) The site has ceased all waste operations and has completed all closure activities, including, but not limited to the removal of all products resulting from waste processing and the decontamination of all equipment and structures involved in any aspect of waste management, in a manner acceptable to the DEC, and
- (2) The ground-mounted solar electric system will not interfere with any ongoing closure, monitoring, or enforcement activities.

## Other NY-Sun Incentive Adder Updates

- **Incentive Adder Clarification:** Incentive adders, like the Prevailing Wage Adder or the BF/LF Adder, are only available to projects that received a MW Block or SEEF Block award
- **Upstate Nonresidential Projects Eligible for S-SFA Adder:** Upstate Nonresidential projects that received a **MW Block 1-10 award** are eligible to receive an S-SFA Adder of \$.07/W
- **Affordable Solar Residential Incentive:** Updated the escalation rate of a monthly payment or energy rate from no greater than 1.5% annually to no greater than 3% annually

## Other Program Manual Updates

- **Upstate and Long Island Non-Residential System Size Cap:** Updated the 750 kW DC to 1 MW AC. Incentives are only available for the first 750 kW DC.

System Size	Incentive rate (\$/watt)	Total NY-Sun Incentive Old Rules (\$)	Total NY-Sun Incentive New Rules (\$)
750 kW DC	\$0.25	\$187,500	\$187,500
1,000 kW AC	\$0.25	<i>-Ineligible-</i>	\$187,500 (incentive capped at 750 kW)

## Other Program Manual Updates Continued

- **Project Inspection Timeframe:** Contractors in Full Status are required to schedule their C/I project inspections to occur within 90 days of being marked Complete or will be at risk of moving to Probationary Status.
- **Expanded Solar for All Category B Disenrollment:** To disenroll from the program, the project must provide written notice to the utility and NYSERDA and follow the terms laid out in the utility tariff and executed Expanded Solar for All Participation Agreement.
- **Approved a new shading software**, Artemis (<https://artemispower.com/>), which can now be used to produce the required shading reports for residential and non-residential projects.

## Other Program Manual Updates Continued

- Removed requirement to submit documentation of Interconnection Application submission date (projects 1 MW AC and larger only)
- Added requirement for projects enrolling in SSFA, to provide the SSFA Participation Agreement from the utility
- Updated the Full Assignment forms on the [Resources for Contractor's page](#) → Project Application Guidance->Application Tools->Full Assignment Forms - **please use the new ones!**

### 2.2.1 Document Details

Table 12. Project Documents to Reach Submitted Status

<b>Required for All Projects: Must Submit with Project Application</b>
Project application signed by customer and payee, if applicable
Site map (site plan)
Electrical drawing
Customer utility bill – only required for NYPA and municipality owned utilities
<b>Additional Items Required for Residential and Nonresidential Projects</b>
Shading report
Site Photos
<b>Additional Items Required for Nonresidential and Commercial/Industrial Projects</b>
If CESIR (Coordinated Electric System Interconnection Review) required: Final CESIR, proof of 25% interconnection upgrade payment
If no CESIR required: signed and executed interconnection agreement or conditional acceptance email
For projects enrolling in SSFA, the SSFA Participation Agreement from the respective utility
Proof of planning and zoning approvals for C/I
Coastal assessment
SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and lead agency, SEQRA Negative Declaration for C/I or a Lead Agency Statement of Findings
GIS data mapping file – <b>for non-rooftop C/I projects only</b>
<b>Additional Items Required for Projects Using Affordable Solar Residential Incentive</b>
Affordable Solar income eligibility notification with the tracking number
<b>Additional Items Required for Projects Using Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive</b>
Documentation of eligibility (refer to section 2.2.6 <i>Required Documents If Using Multifamily Affordable Housing Incentive</i> )
<b>Additional Items Required for Projects Using Brownfield/Landfill Incentive</b>
Brownfield/Landfill eligibility documentation
<b>Additional Items Required for C/I Projects in a State-Certified Agricultural District</b>
Notice of Intent to Undertake an Action within an Agricultural District Submission Form (NOI Submission Form), along with additional documentation and maps, as indicated therein
<b>Additional Items Required for Projects Using Residential Solar Plus Energy Storage Incentive on Long Island</b>
Energy storage system and product description
Energy storage safety listings (UL or CAN certifications)
Energy storage system warranty

## Prevailing Wage Requirements for Solar PV Projects in New York

- (1) Statutory Requirement:** New York State Labor Law Article 8, (§) 224-d
- (2) Regulatory Requirement:** The State of New York Public Service Commission Orders that apply to the NY-Sun Program

## (1) Prevailing Wage: Statutory Requirements

- NYS Labor Law Article 8 Section (§) 224-d requires **covered renewable energy systems**, including solar PV projects, **1 MW AC or larger** to **pay prevailing wage** or enter into a project labor agreement **during project construction**.
- NY-Sun contractors with projects that received NY-Sun incentive awards for projects 1 MW AC or larger **on or after July 1, 2024, are considered covered renewable energy systems for purposes of NYS Labor Law Article 8 § 224-d** and are **therefore subject to the prevailing wage requirement as a matter of law**, regardless of whether the project was awarded an NY-Sun Prevailing Wage Adder.
- New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) is responsible for enforcing NYS Labor Law Article 8 Prevailing Wage Requirements. Please contact NYSDOL with questions.

For NYSDOL questions or assistance contact, [labor.sm.pwask@labor.ny.gov](mailto:labor.sm.pwask@labor.ny.gov).

## (1) Prevailing Wage: Statutory Requirements Continued

The main steps Contractors should take to comply with NYS Labor Law Article 8 requirements include:

- 1. Register with NYSDOL before submitting any new construction bids or commencing new construction work on a covered project.** Failure to register as required may result in penalties, as further described in Labor Law 220-i. For more information, and to register, visit the Department of Labor website at <https://dol.ny.gov/public-work-contractor-and-subcontractor-registry-landing>.
- 2. Obtain an Original Prevailing Wage Schedule and Prevailing Rate Case (PRC) number from NYSDOL.** Information on how to request an original wage schedule can be found on the NYSDOL website: <https://dol.ny.gov/obtain-wage-schedule>. Generic prevailing wage schedules can be found here: <https://apps.labor.ny.gov/wpp/publicViewPWChanges.do?method=showit>
  - a) To obtain a prevailing wage schedule and PRC, Contractors will need to fill out form [PW-39](#).
  - b) NY-Sun published [instructions](#) on how to fill out form PW-39.

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## (1) Prevailing Wage: Statutory Requirements Continued

3. **Pay prevailing wage or enter into a project labor agreement to all laborers, workmen and mechanics**, within the meaning of NYS Labor Law Article 8, **performing on-site construction activities** for a covered project subject to § 224-d, whether through **long-term or short-term employment** prior to the project in-service date.
4. **Starting January 1, 2026, submit electronic certified payroll records every 30 days to the NYSDOL through the Certified Payroll portal during the project construction period.**
  - a) A Prevailing wage Rate Case (PRC) number will be required when entering project details into the online payroll system.
  - b) For more information on how to submit payroll information visit: <https://dol.ny.gov/Electronic-Payroll>.

*Examples of timing of construction and electronic payroll requirements:*

- **Project completed construction before January 1, 2026:** Do not need to submit electronic payroll records for the completed project.
- **Project construction started in June 2025 and will end in May 2026:** The project would need to submit payroll records every 30 days beginning in January and ending in May. The project doesn't need to submit payroll records for months prior to January 2026.
- **Project starts construction after January 1, 2026:** Must submit electronic payroll records to the Department of Labor every 30 days during construction period.

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## (2) Prevailing Wage Regulatory Requirements

- NY-Sun Contractors with projects **1 MW AC or larger with NY-Sun incentives awarded between April 14, 2022, and July 1, 2024**, as well as **older projects that elected to opt-in to receive a prevailing wage adder** are subject to prevailing wage requirements pursuant to Public Service Commission Order and the NY-Sun participation agreement.
- NY-Sun Contractors with projects 1 MW AC or larger that have been awarded a base incentive (e.g., Upstate C/I MW Block 21 or later, Upstate C/I SEEF Block 1, etc.) are eligible for the Prevailing Wage Adder

## (2) Prevailing Wage Regulatory Requirements

### NY-Sun Prevailing Wage Rules

1. Pay New York State Prevailing Wage or enter into project labor agreements for construction activities associated with project development and installation.
2. At the time of invoicing for the project's Commercial Operation payment substantiate compliance with the NY-Sun prevailing wage adder requirements by submitting:
  - a. A separate **quarterly certification of compliance for each quarter that construction took place completed by a New York State licensed Certified Public Accountant.**
  - b. A separate **quarterly prevailing wage certification letter** for each quarter that construction took place **completed by an authorized representative of the Contractor,** certifying the contractor has obtained copies of certified payrolls for all laborers, workmen and mechanics, within the meaning of NYS Labor Law Article 8, performing on-site construction activities for covered projects whether through long-term or short-term employment and when completed prior to the project in-service date.

# NY-Sun Prevailing Wage Resources

## Resources for Contractors > Prevailing Wage Adder:

<https://www.nyscrda.ny.gov/All-Programs/NY-Sun/Contractors/Resources-for-Contractors#nys-universal-navigation>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Prevailing Wage Adder' section of the NY-Sun resources page. The page is titled 'Statewide Solar for All Resources' and 'Prevailing Wage Adder'. It contains several sections: 'Compliance Documents', 'Frequently Asked Questions', and 'Instructions for Obtaining a Prevailing Wage Schedule'. Three callout boxes with arrows point to specific links: 'Additional CPA Certification Template' points to the 'Independent Accountant Report (Doc)' link; 'Updated FAQ' points to the 'Prevailing Wage FAQ (PDF)' link; and 'New Resource for Complying with NYS DOL Prevailing Wage Requirements' points to the 'Instructions for Obtaining a Prevailing Wage Schedule' section. A 'BACK TO TOP' button is visible at the bottom of the page.

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> Statewide Solar for All Resources

▼ Prevailing Wage Adder

This section contains information about the Prevailing Wage Adder and documents NY-Sun Participating Contractors must submit to comply with program requirements.

**Compliance Documents:**

**Quarterly Contractor Prevailing Wage Certification**

- [Prevailing Wage Certification Letter \(PDF\)](#) (version 3.0, released February 2026)

**Quarterly New York Certified Public Accountant Certification**

Contractors must use one of the following templates.

- [Quarterly Certification of Compliance by a Certified Public Accountant \(PDF\)](#) (Version 1.0, released June 2024)
- [Independent Accountant Report \(Doc\)](#) (Version 1.0, released February 2026)

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

Reference this document for answers to frequently asked questions about the Prevailing Wage Adder:

- [Prevailing Wage FAQ \(PDF\)](#) (Version 3.0, released February 2026)

**Instructions for Obtaining a Prevailing Wage Schedule**

- Register with the [Department of Labor](#). Contractors need to register before submitting any new project construction bids or commencing new project construction work on a covered project.
- Electronically fill out and submit Form PW39 to obtain a [prevailing wage schedule](#).
- [Instructions for filling out Form PW39 \(PDF\)](#)

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**New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Resources**

- [New York State Labor Law Article 8](#)
- [New York State Department of Labor Contractor Registry](#)
- Obtain a [Prevailing Wage Schedule](#)
- Submit [Electronic Payroll](#)

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Additional CPA Certification Template

Updated FAQ

New Resource for Complying with NYS DOL Prevailing Wage Requirements

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