



## SunShot Systems Integration Program Updates

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# SunShot Overview

WHAT WE DO: SunShot works to make it *faster, easier, and more affordable* for Americans to access solar power by making smart R&D investments to *lower costs* so solar electricity is fully *market-competitive* without subsidies.



HOW WE DO IT: SunShot's FY16 budget funds projects across five subprograms.

FY16 Budget Numbers

\$53.5M	\$48.4M	\$52.4M	\$34.9M	\$43.5M	\$9M*
Photovoltaics	Concentrating Solar Power	Systems Integration	Balance of Systems - Soft Costs	Innovations in Manufacturing Competitiveness	

IMPACT:    
 SunShot has funded work to drive down the cost of solar **90%** toward the 2020 cost target, supporting the **260,000 JOBS** in the solar industry.

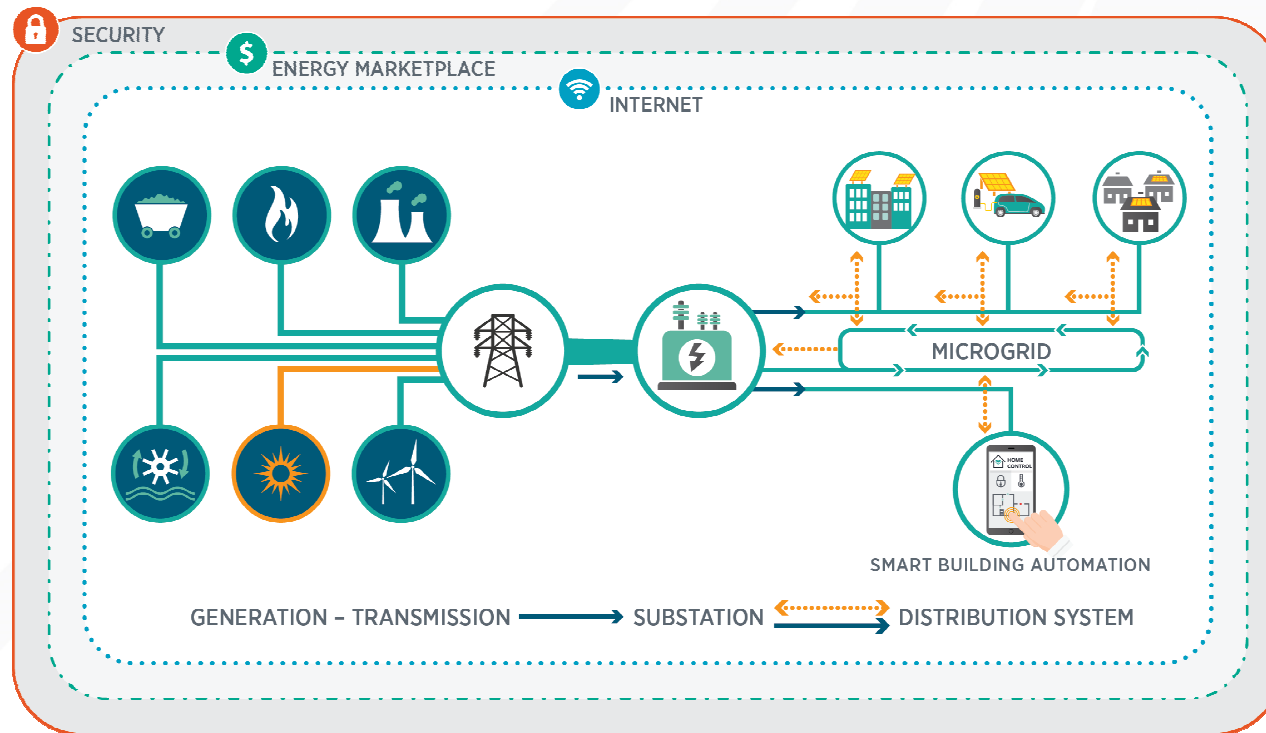
\*NREL Site-Wide Facility Support  
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FUTURE:    
 In addition to game-changing, cost-lowering R&D, SunShot will continue to *spur solar development* and *increase grid resiliency* across the country to **diversify the U.S. domestic energy supply.**

# Systems Integration (SI) Subprogram

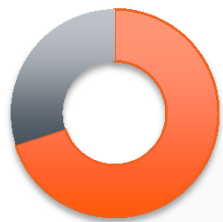
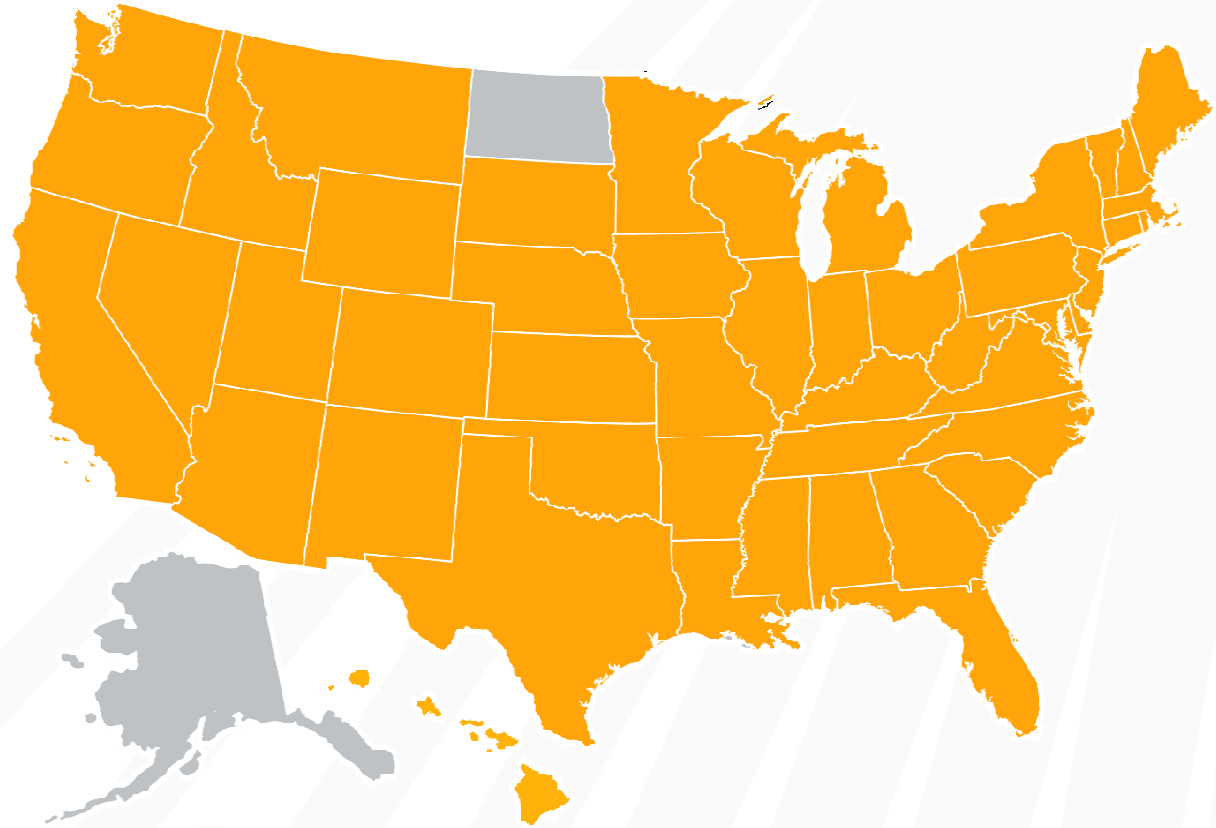
- Funds projects to develop technical solutions that enable large scale deployment of solar power onto a modernized electricity grid with focus on

*reliability, resilience, and cybersecurity*

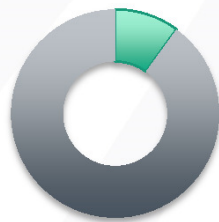


# SunShot Funds 250+ Active Projects

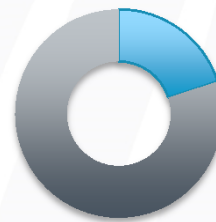
Projects and partners in **48** states plus the District of Columbia



**70%** of projects at **national labs & universities**



**10%** of projects with **non-profits\***

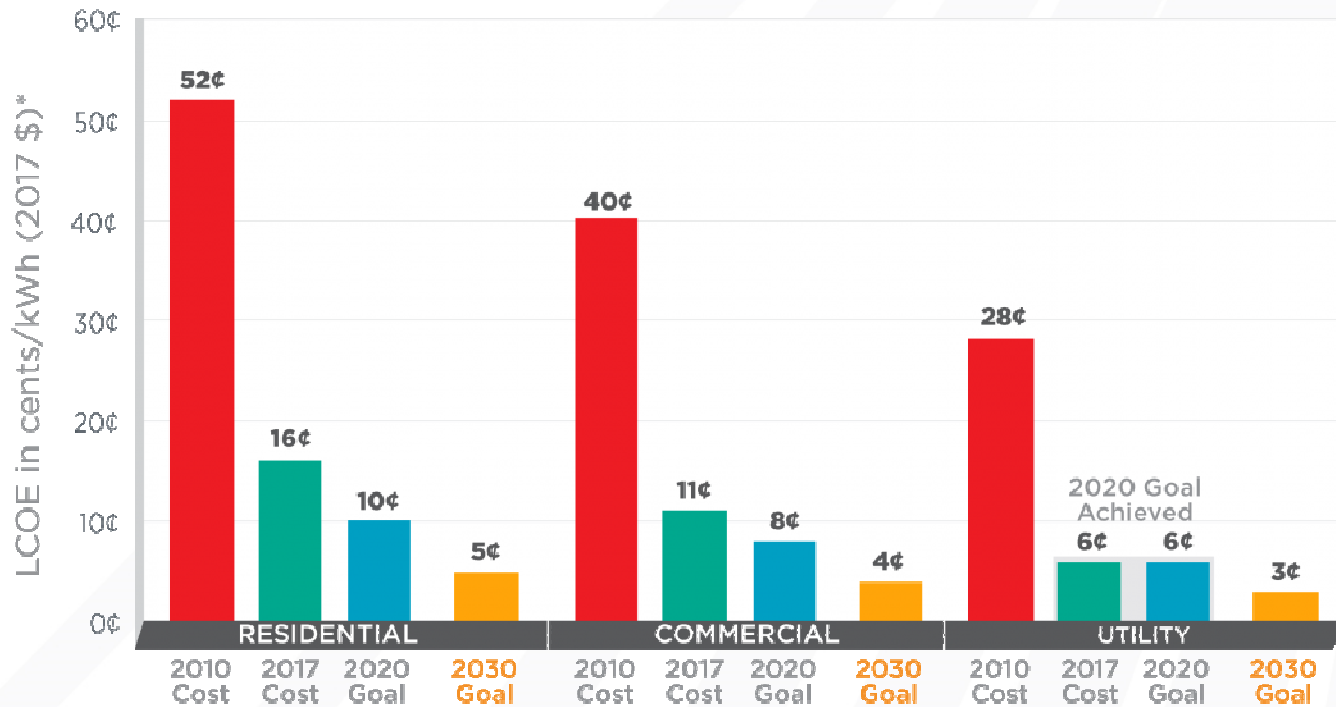


**20%** of projects with **companies**

Note: SETO has funded past projects in North Dakota and Alaska.  
\*1% of state and local government  
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# SunShot Progress and Goals

At the 2017 SPI conference, SunShot announced that the solar industry had achieved the \$1/W goal three years ahead of schedule. In the meantime, SunShot announced the 2030 goal to further cut costs by 50% to make solar the least expensive source of energy.

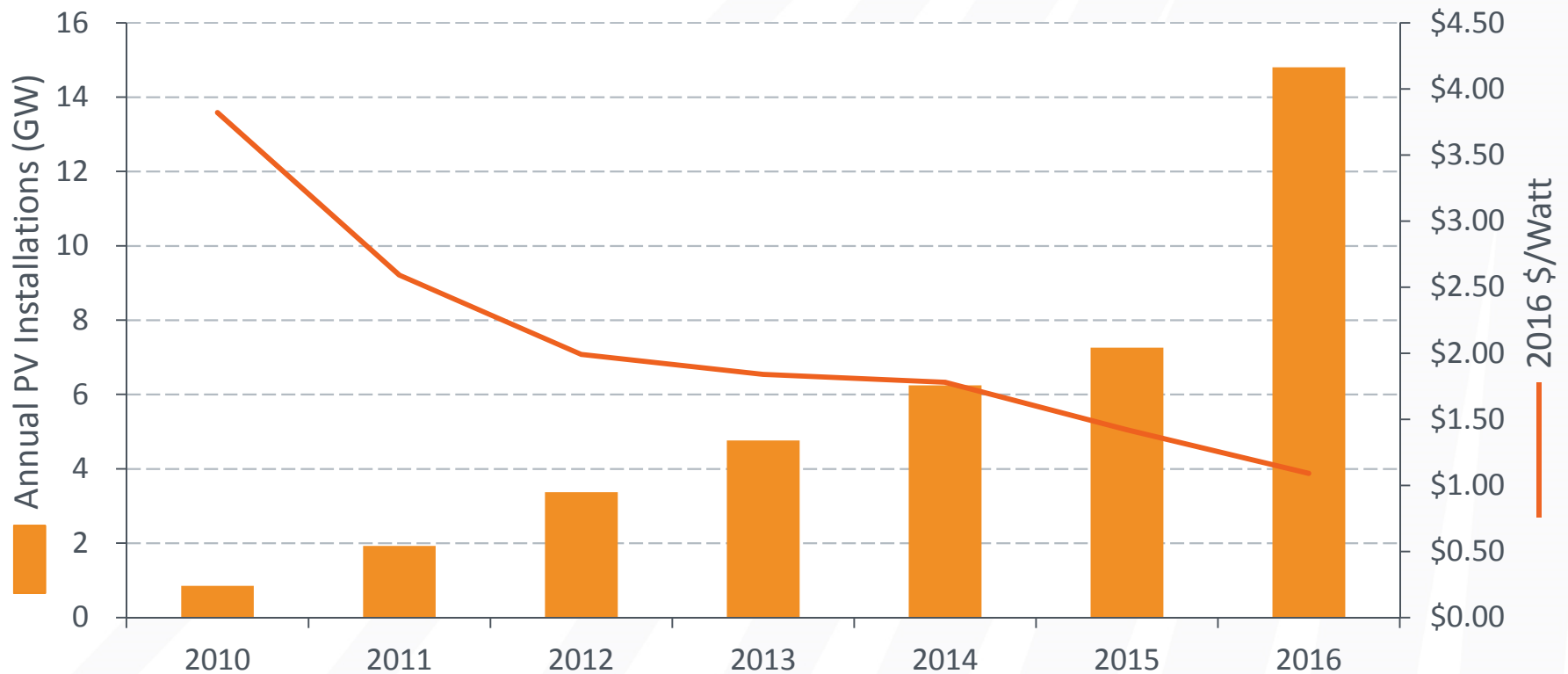


\*Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) progress and targets are calculated based on average U.S. climate and without the ITC or state/local incentives. The residential and commercial goals have been adjusted for inflation from 2010-17.

# U.S. Solar: Falling Costs, Rising Deployment

The solar energy industry is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S. Driven by falling costs, total solar installed capacity reached **42.4 gigawatts in 2016** with more than **one million solar projects** operating across the country. *(Update: 47.1MW in Q2, 2017)*

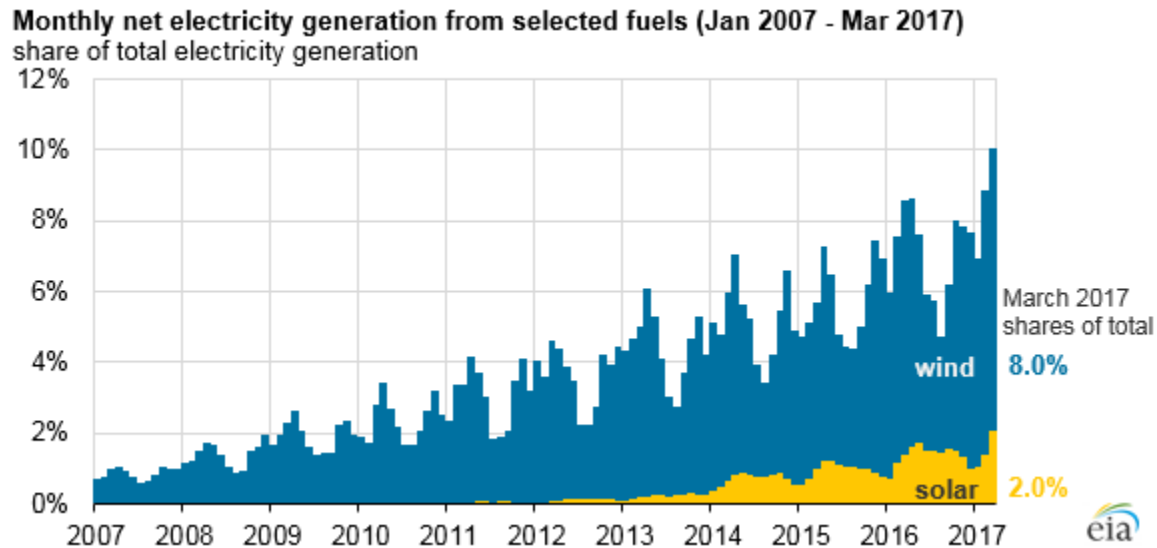
PV Deployment and System Price in the U.S. (2010– 2016)



Sources: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, "U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmark: Q1 2016"; GTM Research and SEIA, "U.S. Solar Market Insight Report: 2016 YIR."

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# Wind and solar in March accounted for 10% of U.S. electricity generation for first time

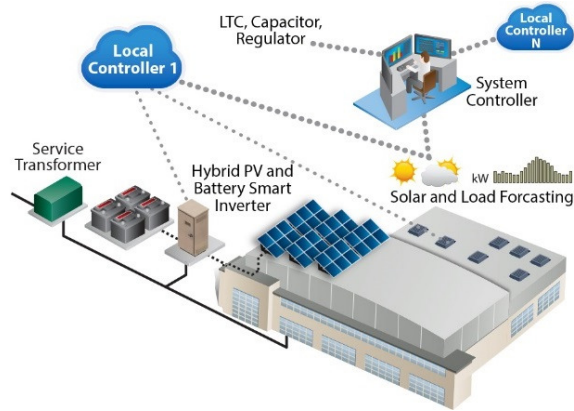


For the first time, monthly electricity generation from wind and solar (including utility-scale plants and small-scale systems) exceeded 10% of total electricity generation in the United States, based on March data in EIA's [Electric Power Monthly](#). Electricity generation from both of these energy sources has grown with increases in wind and solar generating capacity. On an annual basis, wind and solar made up 7% of total U.S. electric generation in 2016.

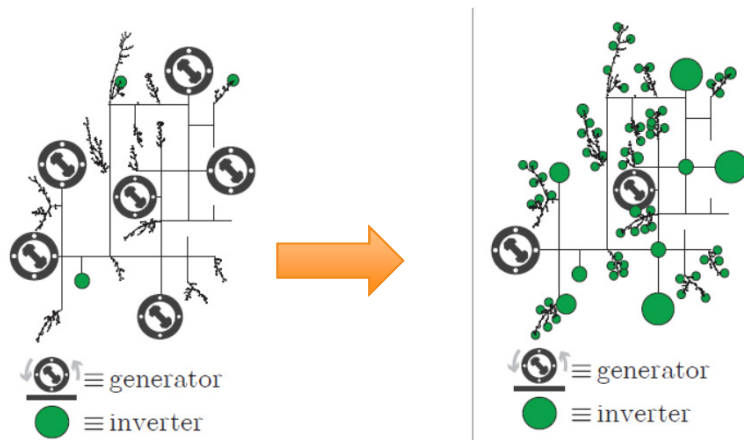
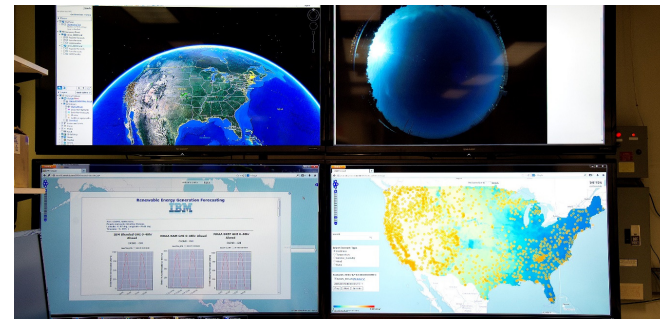
Source: EIA Today in Energy

# SunShot Systems Integration Funding Programs

SHINES (2016-2018, \$18M, 6 projects)

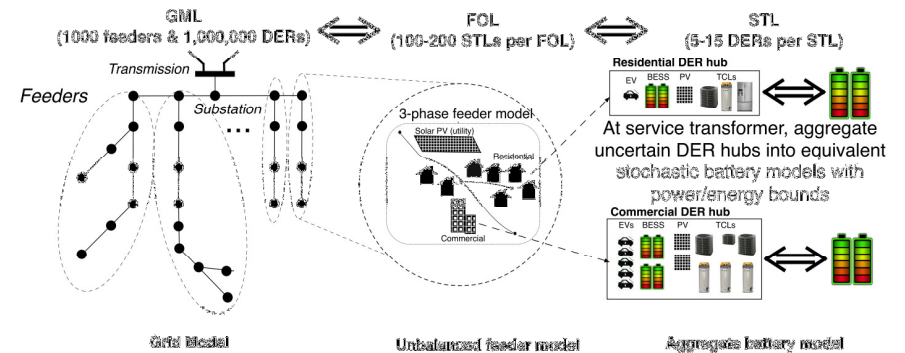


Solar Forecasting II (2017-2019, \$10M)



SuNLAMP (2016-2018, \$48M, 16 projects)

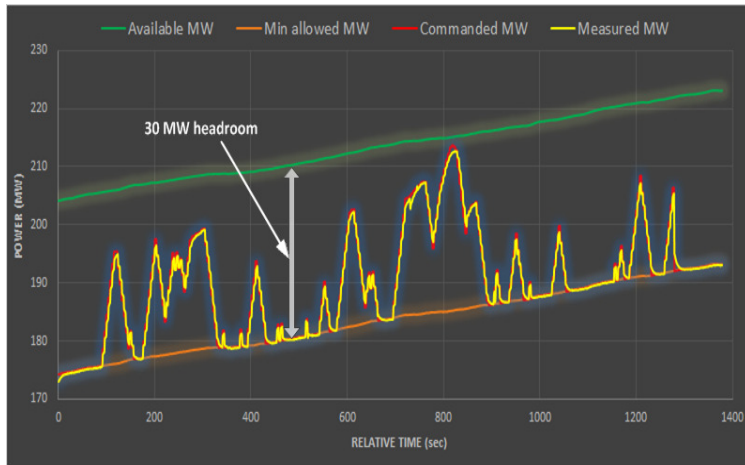
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ENERGISe (2017-2019, \$30M, 13 projects)



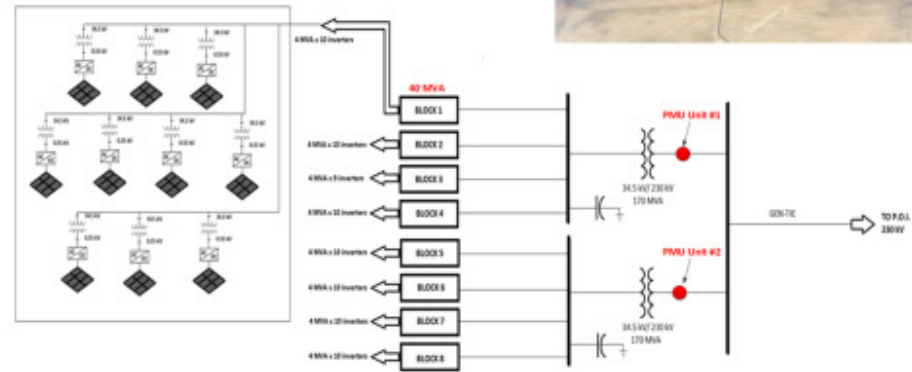
# CAISO/First Solar Inverter Testing



- 4-sec AGC signal provided to PPC
- 30 MW headroom
- Tests were conducted for 30 minutes at:
  - Sunrise
  - Middle of the day
  - Sunset
- 1-sec data collected by plant PPC

## Breaking new barriers: Testing of 300 MW PV plant

- Thin-film Cd-Te PV modules
- 4 MVA PV inverters (GE)
- 9 x 40 MVA blocks
- 34.5 kV collector system
- Two 34.5/340 kV 170 MVA transformers
- Tie with 230 kV transmission line
- PMUs collecting data on 230 kV side



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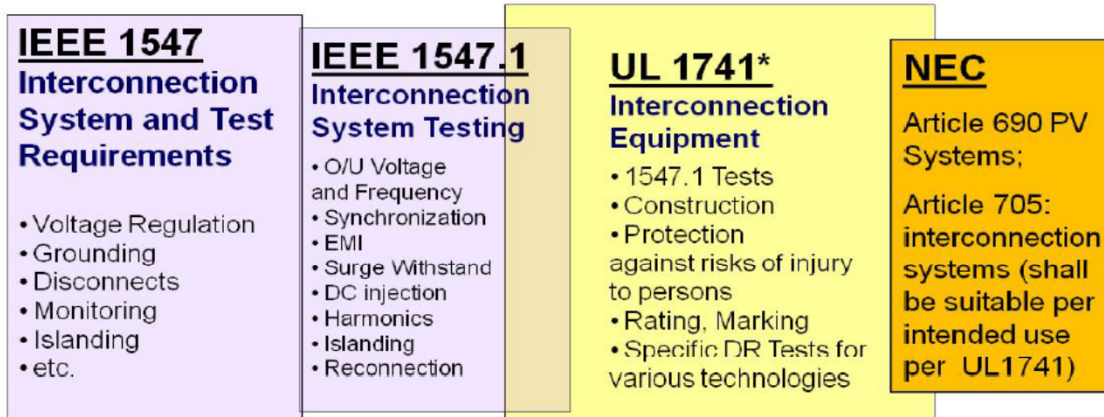
Courtesy: NREL, Vahan Gevorgian

<http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/67799.pdf>

# DOE's Leadership in Codes and Standards

- NREL and SNL are leading the IEEE 1547/1547.1 standard full revisions
  - First 1547 ballot passed in June 2017

## IEEE 1547 Interconnection Standards Use: Federal, Regional, State and Local Authorities/Jurisdictions

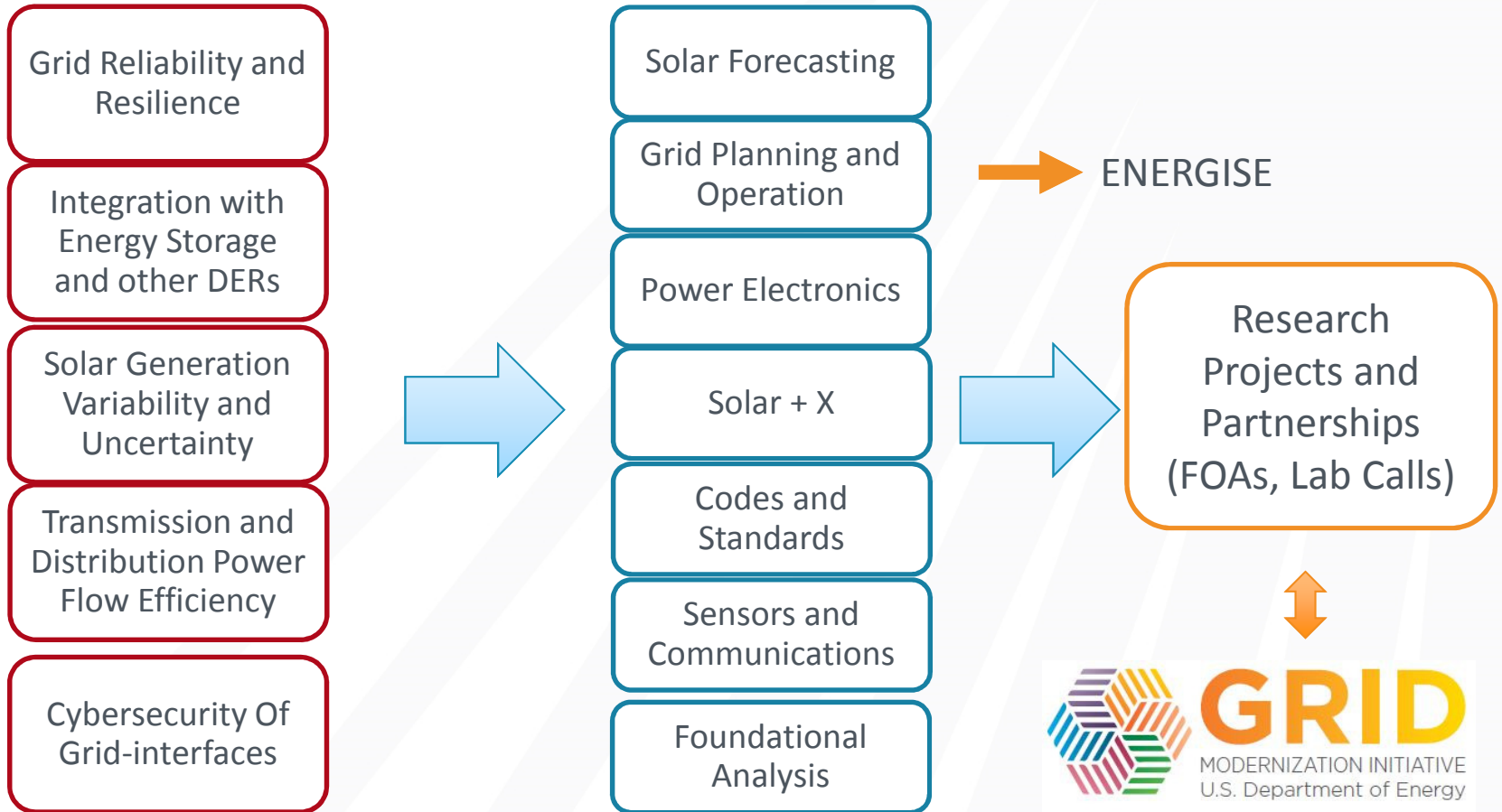


**PJM Interconnection, Inc.**  
**Small Generator Interconnection Standards**  
**FERC approved**  
*(0-to<10MW and 10-to-20 MW; incorporate 1547 and 1547.1)*

\* UL 1741 supplements and is to be used in conjunction with 1547 and 1547.1

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# SI Research Activities



# ENERGISE Program At A Glance

- Announced at DistribuTech in January, 2017
- \$30M federal fund + 50% cost share
- 13 projects selected (6 TA1, 7 TA2)

Topic Area 1 (Near-term, field demonstration)	Topic Area 2 (long-term, early-stage technologies)
SCE	NREL
PPL	UC Berkeley
Sandia National Lab	Univ. of Vermont
UC Riverside	Univ. of Central Florida
AMS	Northeastern University
NREL	USC
	Quanta Technologies



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