

1ST STOP CHECKLIST for SOLAR ENERGY/ PHOTOVOLTAICS

Solar energy refers to the conversion of solar radiation into electricity.

- [] There are two types of photovoltaic systems: grid-tied and off-grid. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

- [] **North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners** certifies individuals in for solar electric installers **NABCEP** is the national certification organization for professional installers in the field of renewable energy. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

- [] Although project approval and certification are under the authority of the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) at the state level, local governments and citizen's groups have full opportunity to participate in public information, outreach and input opportunities as part of the OPSB approval process. For more information, please contact OPSB at **(866) 270-OPSB (6772)**. Information is also on-line www.opsb.ohio.gov. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

- [] For more information about **solar, wind, and hydrothermal energy** regulations, see **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 1551**. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at www.codes.ohio.gov. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

- [] Construction of a wind-powered electric generation facility requires the filing, and approval, of an application for a site certificate. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

- [] The electricity industry is regulated by the **Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)**. The generation of electricity is competitive; however, the transmission and distribution of electricity are not. You must be certified by the PUCO before you can enter the Ohio market as an electricity supplier. For more information, please contact the PUCO at **(800) 686-7826**. Information is also on-line www.puco.gov. ****Remember to check local government agencies.****

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

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THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.