

## **MADRI** Meeting on Smart Meters and DR

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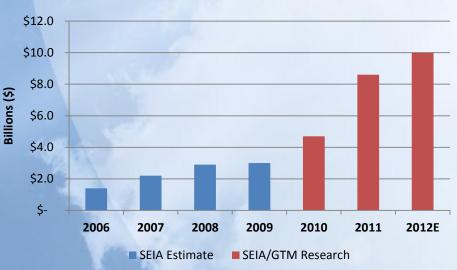
# **About SEIA**

- Founded in 1974
- U.S. National Trade Association for Solar Energy
  - 1,000 member companies from around the world
  - Members from across 50 states
  - Largest companies in the world as well as small installers
- SEIA is the voice of the U.S. solar energy industry
  - We promote solar to State Policy Makers, the White House and Congress
- Our Mission: Build a strong solar industry to power America



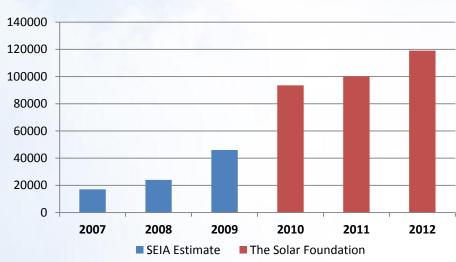
# Solar Is an Economic Engine

- The value of U.S. solar installations is projected to be over \$10 billion in 2012, up from \$8.6 billion in 2011.
- There are now over 119,000 solar workers in the U.S., a 13.2% increase over 2011 employment totals.\*



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#### Value of U.S. Solar Installations



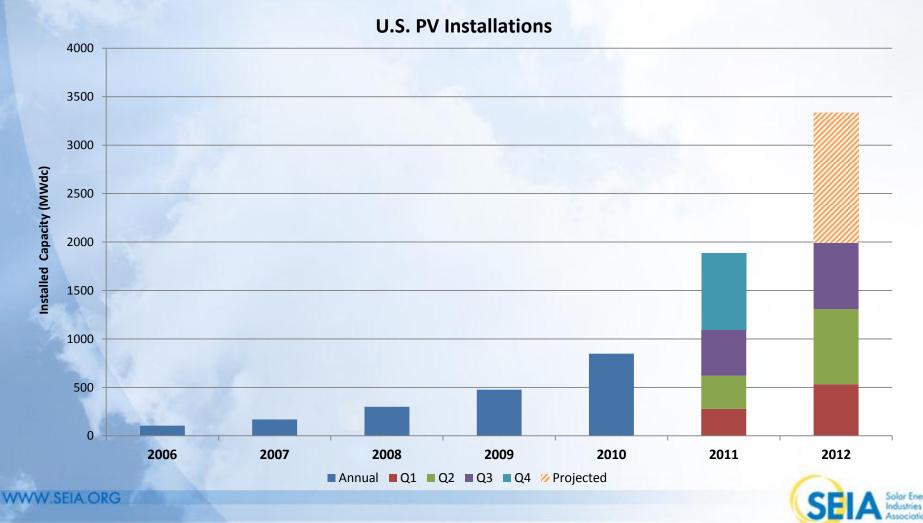
#### **U.S. Solar Workforce**



\*(The Solar Foundation 2012 National Solar Jobs Census)

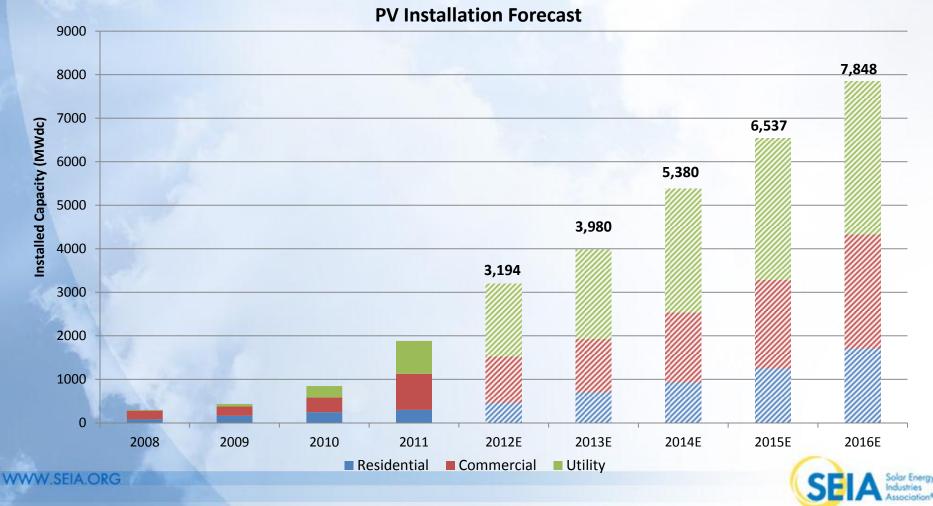
### Solar Continues to Boom- 684 MW Installed in Q3 2012

PV demand grew 44% in Q3 2012 over Q3 2011

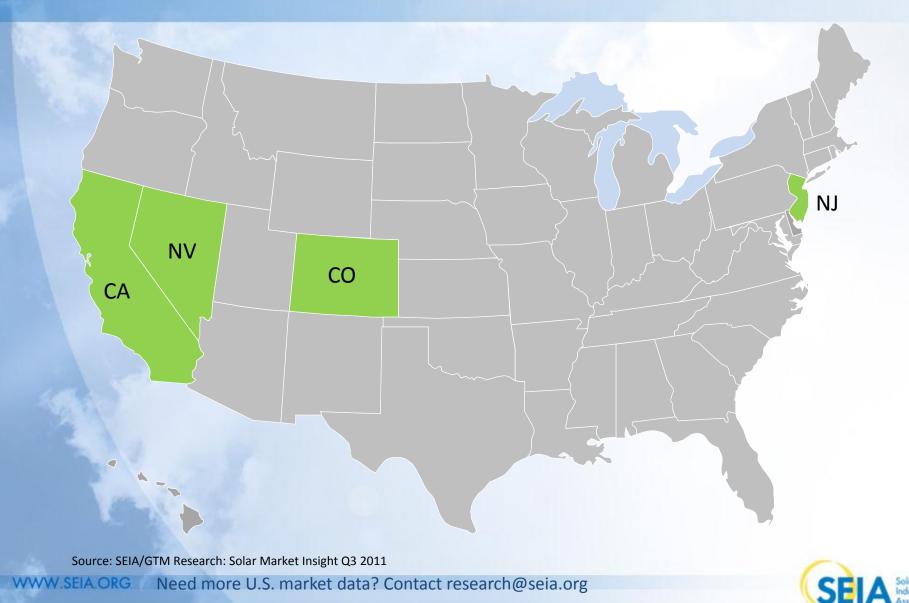


# **Another Record Year of Installations**

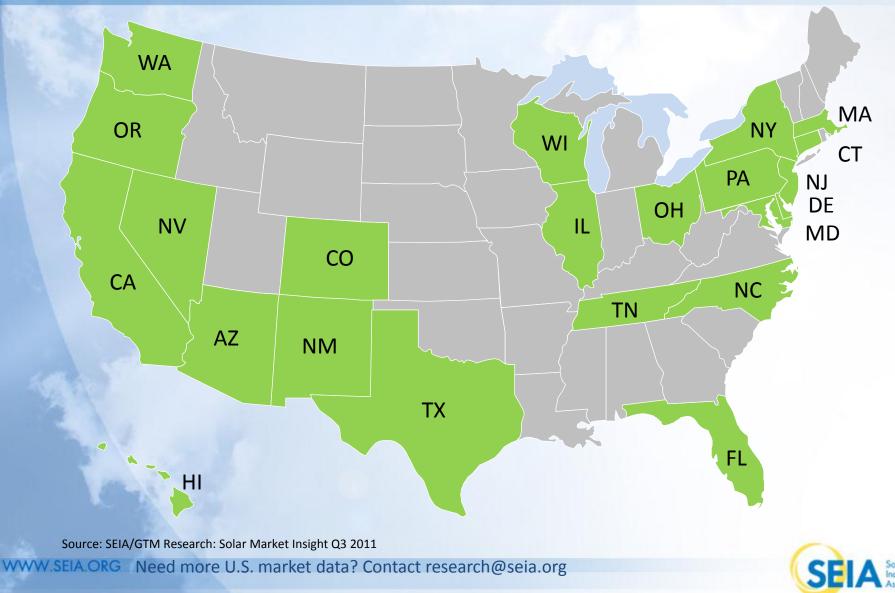
 Industry projected to install 3,200 MW in 2012, 70% over 2011's record annual total



#### **Continued U.S. Market Diversity: Creating Opportunity** U.S. States With >10 MW of PV Installations, 2007

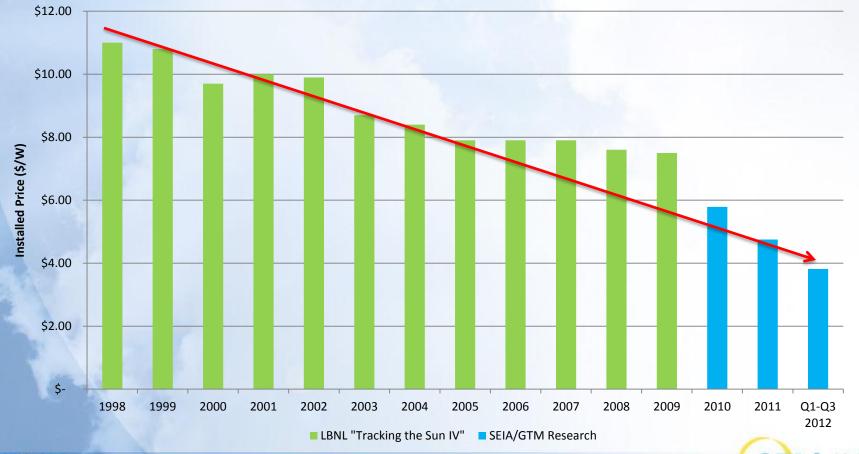


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# **Solar More Affordable Than Ever**

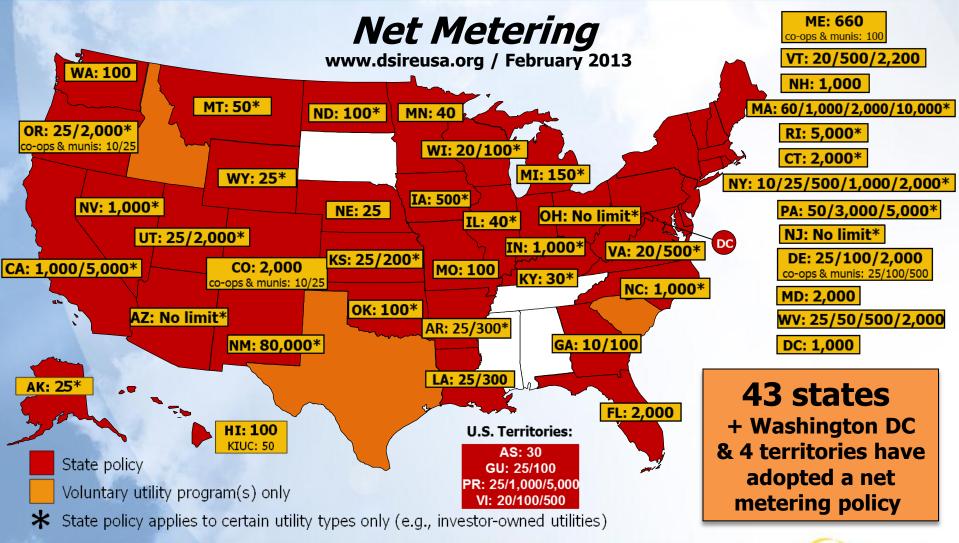
• Average system prices have declined 33% since Q1 2011



#### **Blended Average System Price**

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## States recognize the importance of net metering



Note: Numbers indicate individual system capacity limit in kilowatts. Some limits vary by customer type, technology and/or application. Other limits might also apply.
This map generally does not address statutory changes until administrative rules have been adopted to implement such changes.

## **Smart Meters and Solar**

- Compatibility with PV
  - Bi-directional energy measurement, net usage
  - 2 meters or two-channel smart meter
- Customer interface
- Enabling high penetration
  - Interaction with PV inverter and utility
  - i.e. VARS control

## Policies to promote solar with smart meters

- Robust net metering rules
- Rate Design principles
  - Incentivize reduction of energy consumption and peak loads
  - Send accurate and understandable price signals
  - Transparency and access to data
- General policy issues
  - Interconnection, permitting, third-party ownership, stable incentive environment to promote investor confidence



# Thank you

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