

## **Questions and Comments about the SMART Program**

There is a lengthy process involved in a utility's system impact study, which is a requirement to obtain a signed interconnection agreement. As such, it appears that only projects that have been pre-developed (potentially for other programs) will be able to bid into the RFP. Is there any way for projects developed specifically for the SMART program to be given an exemption for the signed interconnection agreement requirement to bid? For example, would a queue number from the utility confirming that the Interconnection Study has been requested xx days before the deadline for RFP be sufficient?

The Initial Procurement is for programs the size of 1 MW AC to 5 MW AC. However, can you confirm that the remaining blocks project cap is also at 5 MW AC, not 5 MW DC?

Could you please provide some example of previously developed sites and define what altered landscapes mean?

Is there any plan to "clear out" the various Utility interconnection queues of "pending" projects that are now defunct? If so, what is the timeline for this?

Has the Declining Block structure taken into account potential import tariffs imposed by the Trump Administration? Such a policy could jeopardize many pricing assumptions of solar developers.