

REDUCING PERMITTING BARRIERS FOR DISTRIBUTED WIND

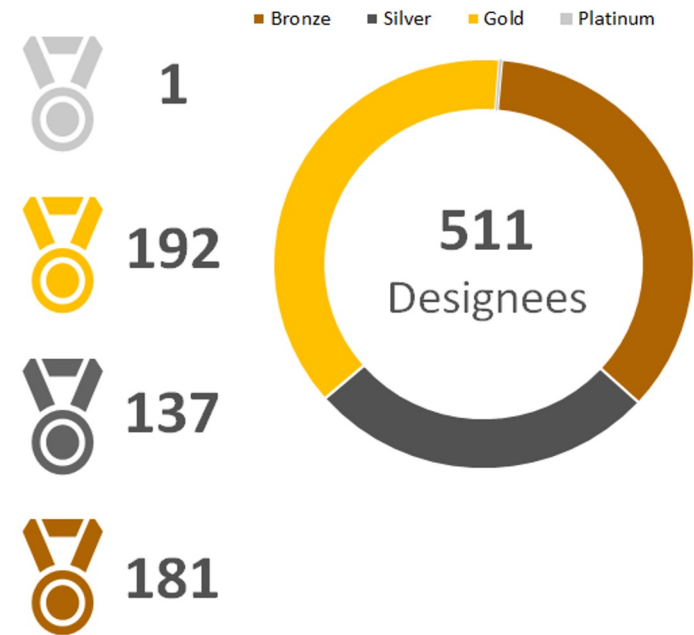
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ICMA FACTS AND STATS

- Founded in 1914
- More than 13,000 local government leaders, managers, staff, and stakeholder members
- Core members are chief appointed executives that run cities, counties, towns, and townships
- Offer professional development, research, content, and peer to peer opportunities annually to thousands of local government professionals worldwide
- Deliver technical assistance and training to communities and professionals in the United States and internationally on topics that range from clean energy and sustainability to economic development and public health.

EXPANDING THE SOLSMART MODEL

- Since 2016, SolSmart has helped more than 510 communities implement best practices that reduce solar soft costs
- SolSmart is a technical assistance and recognition program – communities earn points as they implement best practices and can earn bronze, silver, gold or platinum designation levels
- SolSmart has designees in 43 states plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 177 million people (over 1 in 3 Americans) live in a SolSmart designated community.



SUPPORTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN KEY AREAS

SolSmart Communities earn points by taking action in five key areas:

- Permitting and Inspection
- Planning and Zoning
- Government Operations
- Community Engagement
- Market Development



OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE LOCAL PERMITTING FOR DISTRIBUTED WIND

We'll focus on:

- Clear, consistent, transparent, and efficient permitting and inspection processes
- Permitting practices that reflect best practices in terms of height, setback requirements, safety, etc.
- Permitting fees, submissions and timelines
- Trained permitting and inspection staff

BUILDING THE DEMAND FOR DISTRIBUTED WIND

- Key issue is a lack of awareness – many local governments don't think about potential for distributed wind
- We'll be working to raise awareness through education, outreach, training
- Partners include the National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Great Plains Institute, Cadmus Group, World Resources Institute, NREL and DWEA

LET'S TALK!

- We want to hear the DW industry perspective on the most valuable actions local governments can take
- What challenges do you encounter in different jurisdictions?
- What “selling points” seem to resonate with local governments?
- Know a community that needs help with permitting, inspection, planning or zoning? **Please send communities to us!**



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