SEIA members at our premium levels have access to high-level resources, networking opportunities, event discounts, policy-setting, and more. Below is a brief breakdown of the Gigawatt Membership.

Your company will receive the following benefits as a Gigawatt Member:

For companies looking for premium access to industry players and important networking opportunities, the Gigawatt level is an invaluable tool. This tier provides access to SEIA’s Consumer Protection committee, free registrations for key industry events, a complimentary subscription to the U.S Solar Market Insight report series, and more. Gigawatt level members are also invited to attend SEIA’s annual policy summit, an event that convenes solar executives and thought leaders for long-term strategic planning.

Participation in 1 of 6 Divisions:

- Distributed Generation (DG)
- Energy Storage (ES)
- Manufacturing (MFG)
- Solar Heating & Cooling (SHC)
- Solar Services & Consumers (SSC)
- Utility-Scale Solar Power (USP)

Invitation to SEIA Member Lobby Days

Ability to Run and Vote for SEIA Division Chairs and Director Positions on SEIA Board

Access To:

- SEIA Logo & Member Directory Listing
- SEIA Sphere & Website Resources
- SEIA Solar Tax Manual
- Solar Array Newsletter
- Members-only Webinars & Presentations
- Solar Advocacy Toolkits
- Gigawatt-level Committees & Working Groups
- Major Solar Projects List & SEIA Research
- Premium Members-only Webinars and events
- Premium-level Affinity Programs
- Policy Committees in One Region (Northeast, South, Midwest, West)
- Free annual subscription to the U.S. Solar Market Insight report
- One free registration to Solar Power International
- One free registration to the SEIA Finance & Tax Seminar
- Free job listings on the SEIA Job Board
- Invitation to SEIA’s annual policy summit

Discounts For:

- Solar Power International (SPI) & Regional Solar Power Events
- Exhibiting at SPI & Regional Solar Power Events
- SEIA Events & Workshops
- U.S. Solar Market Insight Report Subscriptions
- EverBlue Job Training & SEIA Job Board Postings
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): This program encourages energy companies to improve diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice (DEIJ) within their company and broader community. The program will use SEIA’s Diversity Best Practices Guide and other evidence-based materials to support companies on their DEIJ journey. Companies can apply for the certification program and achieve levels of success based off the proof of progress/actionable steps they provide. The program is designed so that companies cannot gain the highest levels of certification without making progress across all the categories to ensure companies are taking holistic steps toward improving diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice within their companies and communities.

CODES & STANDARDS WORKING GROUP (BI-WEEKLY): This group focuses on development and revision of Building Codes and Product Standards, as well as fire safety, to ensure the continued expansion of solar-friendly technical market requirements. It proactively engages with streamlining testing and certification requirements and the advancement of respected industry wide objectives for increased market credibility and growth.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The C&I Working Group is focused on expanding solar deployment opportunities in the commercial and industrial and non-profit sectors through financial innovations, standardization of project documents, education and outreach. The Working Group continues, in part, the work of the SEIA Finance Initiative which focused on commercial PACE and other financial tools to overcome relevant barriers and reduce unnecessary transaction costs.

COMMUNITY SOLAR COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): The Community Solar Committee leads the development of SEIA’s policy positions on community solar issues in coordination with SEIA’s State Policy Committee, with a focus on addressing barriers to community solar implementation. The committee will also coordinate with partners in the community solar advocacy space to develop shared objectives and goals.

CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE (WEEKLY): SEIA’s Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) seeks to address consumer-oriented issues within U.S. solar markets through activities that increase consumer, industry, government, and media understanding of solar energy transactions, technical capabilities, and characteristics, while promoting solar industry growth and competition. To achieve its goals, the CPC will work to develop materials, education outreach efforts, certification programs, and a business code.

CYBERSECURITY WORKING GROUP (BI-WEEKLY): The Cybersecurity Working Group was created as part of SEIA’s Solar+Decade that will see solar expand to 20% of grid penetration. With this amount of new solar on the grid, SEIA’s goal is equip our companies to be the most secure fuel source on the grid and for cybersecurity to become an integral focus for the solar industry. This working group will be the home to our advocacy, tracking, and education of cybersecurity at FERC, NERC, DOE, and other initiatives as seen from the latest executive order.

DG PERMITTING REFORM WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The DG Permitting Working Group coordinates industry efforts to improve the process of permitting, inspection, and interconnection for customer-sited PV. Working group members engage with external stakeholders including code officials, policymakers, and other advocacy organizations to dramatically reduce the cost of deploying distributed PV systems.

ENERGY STORAGE COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): The Energy Storage Committee is tasked with developing SEIA’s policy positions on solar + storage, including state and federal regulatory issues, market access, and tax policy. The committee will work in coordination with SEIA’s State and Federal Policy Committees and serve as SEIA’s policy incubator for these issues.

EPA COMMITTEE (AD HOC): Works on policies and regulations issued by EPA that impact solar companies, including the Affordable Clean Energy rule and its predecessor the Clean Power Plan. Engages at the agency level and in courts to advocate for clean energy policies that drive solar markets by leveraging solar as a tool to reduce carbon emissions.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (WEEKLY): Policy forum for SEIA members to be engaged in high-level discussions and strategies regarding federal legislative and regulatory policies that affect the U.S. solar industry.

INTERCONNECTION WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The Interconnection Working Group is focused on reforming interconnection rules within wholesale markets and vertically integrated regions. We will focus on the systemic problems related to interconnection and develop long-term solutions.
MENTORSHIP WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): Working alongside our member companies, SEIA is working to diversify the leadership in our organization and the industry at large, cultivating a diverse array of young professionals through board-level engagement, internships and other mentorship opportunities. Our working group is also discussing opportunities to collaborate with groups like Renewables Forward, WRISE, and other recognized industry groups that provide mentorship and sponsorship opportunities to ensure we have the greatest impact possible.

MOUNTING SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The working group represents all PV mounting and racking segments covering system installation locations and applications including residential, commercial and utility scale projects on steep slope, low slope (flat roof) and fixed and tracking ground mount systems; working closely with SEIA’s Codes & Standards Working Group. *Open to only members of mounting and/or racking companies.

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): Solar system and plant owners, operators and service providers want to optimize for plant performance, customer satisfaction, profit and long-term performance sustainability. As a critical segment in the solar value chain, the newly formed Operations & Maintenance Working Group will work on issues unique and critical to service providers and organizations involved in this activity.

POLICY PLATFORM WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): In coordination with environmental justice advocates and other allies, SEIA is developing a new set of policy principles to incorporate into the industry’s policy advocacy at the state and federal level.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (BI-WEEKLY): Coordinates industry messaging, spokespersons, press outreach and rapid response to promote the benefits of solar energy and represents all solar technologies and market segments. Opportunities to submit photos and videos including your watermarked logo to be used in SEIA materials.

PUERTO RICO WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): This group focuses on Puerto Rican solar deployment, including market development, disaster recovery, and grid resiliency. The Working Group continues, in part, the work that SEIA initiated in 2017 in response to Hurricane Maria.

PURPA WORKING GROUP (WEEKLY): This group is dedicated working on PURPA (Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act) issues at the state and federal levels.

PV RECYCLING WORKING GROUP (WEEKLY): The group examines PV Recycling structures and financing, creates PV Recycling messaging and communications, establishes the SEIA national PV recycling program and helps to formulate responses to any PV Recycling regulations.

SITING & PERMITTING COMMITTEE (MONTHLY): Provides technical expertise regarding the siting and permitting of solar power plants to government entities such as the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other stakeholders involved in permitting conversations.

SOLAR BELTWAY (MONTHLY): The Solar Beltway is a task force of SEIA’s Federal Affairs Committee designed for SEIA member companies living and working within the DMV Beltway who are working on federal issues. In addition to the monthly networking and strategy breakfasts held locally at SEIA headquarters, Solar Beltway members are regularly invited to participate alongside of SEIA staff lobbyists for our meetings on Capitol Hill.

SOLAR QUALITY ASSURANCE WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): The Solar Quality Assurance Working Group seeks to evaluate, develop and encourage adoption of industry best practices in solar asset design, production estimate, installation, commissioning and O&M, and contractor qualification. The group’s activities are intended to facilitate high-quality solar installations that induce consumer and investor confidence across the industry.

STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEES (WEEKLY): State-level and regional committees engage in discussion of tactical activities and long-term strategy that includes but is not limited to discussion of all filings and related policy materials at the state level, initiating communication with state level policy makers to strengthen our voice, and participating in lobby days. Choose one Regional bundle of committees (Northeast, South, West, or South).

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP (MONTHLY): Our database will be a resource for companies who are examining their supplier networks for ways to increase diversity in our industry or support diverse-owned businesses. This is a great way for companies large and small to contribute to diversity efforts, as you do not need to be hiring/recruiting to examine your supplier network. The database will offer filters and search features so companies can identify suppliers based on several criteria, including their ownership (Black-, Women-, Veteran-, Indigenous-owned, etc.), location, industry area of expertise, etc.
TAX & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE (BI-WEEKLY): Discusses pressing tax issues on Capitol Hill and in the Administration. The group is comprised of leading tax attorneys and consultants in the country as well as our member companies’ tax experts.

TRADE WORKING GROUP (BI-WEEKLY): Provide real-time information on trade issues, including, e.g., tariff updates, classification and country of origin decisions, and trade policy developments. The TWG will also serve as SEIA’s principal forum for developing trade policy recommendations, including recommendations on strategy. In 2019, this focus will be on the Section 201 mid-term review and engagement on U.S.-China issues.

TRANSMISSION WORKING GROUP (AD HOC): This group is the designated forum for SEIA members to discuss electricity transmission matters, particularly issues before the FERC, including variable resources integration, open access policies, transmission planning and cost allocation issues, reactive power and other matters.

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