

STEPs for Solar Development: Shared Clean Energy Facility (SCEF) Program

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Meeting Agenda

- **11:00-11:15:** Introductions and overview of STEPs, SCEF, and bid preferences
- **11:15-12:45:** Opportunity for public comments on questions identified in the Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Public Meeting
- **12:45-1:00:** Next steps



What is STEPs?



Sustainable,



Transparent, and



Efficient



Policies for Solar Development



What is SCEF?

- New renewable energy projects up to 25 MW per year for 6 years
- Developers submit “bids” in response to the utilities’ request for proposals
- Projects are evaluated and then ranked in order of bid price, with bid preferences applied
- Projects are chosen by lowest evaluated cost and enter 20-year agreements
- Bill credits for energy produced by SCEF projects are applied to participating customers’ bills



Bid Preferences

- Promote state policy goals
- Allow projects to be evaluated at a lower bid price for ranking purposes
- Bid preference in Program Years 1&2 for projects sited on landfills and brownfields
 - 20% lower bid price
- Program Year 3 considerations: environmental justice communities, resilience, and others



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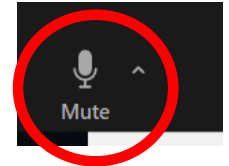
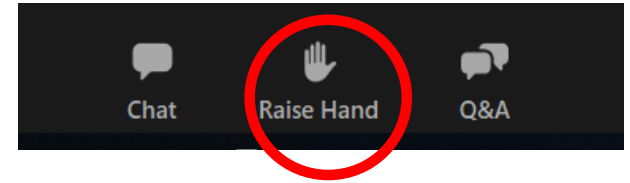
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 - Weighting values
 - Cost information for project development



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Please conclude



Next Steps

- Send written comments on to DEEP.STEPS@ct.gov by July 26, 2021 at 4:00 pm
 - Please use the subject line “SCEF Bid Preference Written Comments”
- The recording of today’s meeting will be made available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Planning/Steps-for-Solar-Development>
- Other information on the process is also available at the above link
- **Questions?**

