

AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Federal Tax Credit

Commercial solar customers are eligible to earn federal tax incentives for the purchase of a PV solar system. This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit.

Since 2009, the solar investment tax credit for commercial system owners is 30% of the gross system cost. This credit may be used the same year you install solar, or can be carried over for up to 5 years.

Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System

MACRS depreciation allows businesses to depreciate 100% of the cost of their solar system over 6 years. The actual tax implications from MACRS vary from business to business, but usually accounts for approximately 20% of the system cost in additional savings.

These 2 incentives alone can cut the cost of your solar system by 50%.

SOLAR PURCHASING OPTIONS

Cash Purchase:

A cash purchase is the most economical way to go solar. This ensures that your business can take full advantage of all available incentives, tax credits, and depreciation options for your solar system. Although this option does require a larger up-front capital investment your business, it also produces the highest return on investment.

Operating Lease:

An operating lease gives your business the option to rent the solar system for 6-14 years and make monthly lease payments, which can be offset dollar-for-dollar for income earned. In addition, your business may qualify to receive utility rebates and incentives or solar renewable energy certificates that improve cash flow. In addition, you will have the option to purchase the solar system at the end of the lease at 10-20% of the total system cost.

Capital Lease:

Our Capital/Finance leases and loans gives your business ownership of the solar system, thereby allowing you to take the ITC 30% and the MACRS depreciation tax benefits. This will significantly reduce your total system costs and shorten your payback period. The terms are flexible from 5-12 years and also allow your business to make timely balloon payments to help you manage cash flow better.

Power Purchase Agreement:

With a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), your business, government, or non-profit organization can benefit from solar energy immediately while minimizing cash flow impact. Since the financing company owns the system, they pay to install and maintain the system. They realize the tax and incentive benefits and pass the savings on to you in the form of cheaper electrical rates. In short, you save money day one with no capital outlay. You have the option to purchase the system at the end of the term.

