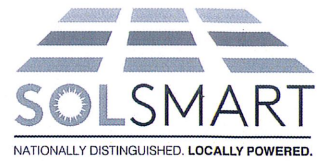


SOLAR STATEMENT



Wednesday, May 30, 2018

International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania AVE NW, Ste. 750
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Zach Greene:

On behalf of the **Town of Miami Lakes**, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Miami Lakes' dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

The Town of Miami Lakes will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Develop a streamlined process for solar permitting and inspection (work across departments to streamline permitting for solar installations in residential and commercial properties).
- Review zoning requirements to identify restrictions to solar PV development (such as adopting codes for height).
- Train permitting and planning staff on best practices for solar PV.
- Expand and communicate solar finance options for residential and commercial properties.

One of the Objectives of the Town's Adopted Strategic Plan is to "*Achieve Universal Environmental Sustainability in Public and Private Environments, Operations and Infrastructure*". The Town's commitment to becoming a SolSmart-designated community aligns with this Objective and the Plan's renewable energy initiatives. These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Adopted Strategic Plan.

In order to measure progress along the way, the Town of Miami Lakes will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to the Town of Miami Lakes' SolSmart participation can be directed to the Town's designated Solar Energy Project Manager, Carmen Olazabal, PE, LEED AP, Envision Sustainability Professional (ENV SP), at 305.364.6100 x1133 or via email at olazabalc@miamilakes-fl.gov.

Sincerely,


Alex Rey
Town Manager

