

Palo Alto CLEAN (Feed In Tariff)

Palo Alto CLEAN (Clean Local Energy Accessible Now) is a program to purchase electricity generated by solar electric systems located in CPAU's service territory, which coincides with the city boundaries. Programs like this, known in the industry as "feed-in tariff" programs, involve a utility paying a fixed price (tariff) for the power that is "fed into" their electric grid from local generation systems.

Program Update

On December 17, 2012 the Palo Alto City Council approved changes to Palo Alto CLEAN including raising the price, lowering the amount of capacity to be accepted and removing the minimum project size. CPAU is now offering to purchase the output of up to 2 MW of new solar systems located in Palo Alto at a price of 16.5 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) for 20 years. There is no minimum or maximum project size. Applications will be accepted in the order received. Please see the Program Handbook and Application Package below for more details.

- [Program Handbook](#)
- [Application Packet](#)

Current Program Status

- **2 MW of capacity currently available.** No applications in process.
- **Applications may be submitted by e-mail only.** Send your application to PAClean@cityofpaloalto.org
- Applications will be accepted in the order received starting **January 2, 2013 at 7:30 a.m.** **Applications received before that time will not be accepted.**
- Please carefully review the Program Handbook to understand the application rules, particularly Section 2. **In the event the program is oversubscribed, failing to submit all necessary information may mean you do not receive a contract.**

Additional Information

- For any general questions or comments or to be put on a list to receive program updates, please contact the CLEAN representative at (650) 329-2241 or by e-mail to PAClean@cityofpaloalto.org
- For the benefit of our customers, CPAU is maintaining a list of companies that have expressed interest in developing or installing a solar generating facility in Palo Alto that will participate in Palo Alto CLEAN. If you would like to be included on the list, please send your company name, a contact person for customers to call, and a brief description of the services you provide (250 characters or less) to the email address above. The list does not constitute an endorsement, and CPAU staff does not pre-screen the companies included.

- For questions regarding building permits and inspections, please contact the [Development Center](#) at (650) 329-2496. To email the Building Division directly, contact building@cityofpaloalto.org
- For questions regarding generator interconnection, please contact the [Electric Engineering Division](#) at (650) 566-4502.
- For questions regarding land use and zoning requirements, please contact the [Current Planning Division](#) at (650) 329-2441 or by e-mail at plandiv.info@cityofpaloalto.org. Also, there is much information on zoning requirements available online. See the Planning Division website and the Zoning Map and Zoning Ordinance links below.
- [Zoning Map](#)
- [Zoning Ordinance \(Title 18 of the Palo Alto Municipal Code\)](#)

Program Documents

- [Program prices and eligibility rules](#)
- [Power Purchase Agreement](#)
- [Interconnection Agreement](#)
- [Utility Rule and Regulation 27 \(Generator Interconnection\)](#)

Other Useful Information

- [Palo Alto Service Area Map \(excludes foothill areas\)](#)
- [Rooftops with 100+ kW Capacity \(estimated based on GIS roof outlines\)](#)