



# SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

## OVERVIEW

Development of solar power infrastructure and capacity is important to the future of Michigan's energy. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) offers resources to assist solar farm developers and companies with identifying Michigan communities and regions that may have sites appropriate for solar farm development. MEDC encourages developers and local communities to follow good land-use practices when considering where to locate solar developments. MEDC encourages developers and communities to consider alternative sites for solar development such as brownfield sites, former landfills or surplus municipal properties that may otherwise be difficult to development for industrial or commercial projects.

## MICHIGAN LAND BANK PROPERTIES AND RESOURCES

The Michigan Land Bank (MLB) operates in acquisition, assembly and disposal of public property, including tax reverted property, and supports and assists with county land bank activities. Land bank-owned property has specific process and incentive benefits, which may be used to the advantage of solar development. MLB is presently operating a pilot brightfields initiative to promote solar projects on its owned, and other, brownfields. Visit the [MLB website](#) for a listing of parcel inventories and county land bank sites.

## MICHIGAN'S LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

MEDC can provide assistance with identifying local economic development organizations and contacts in regions of interest for solar developers to contact directly. Local economic development partner lists can be found below:

- [MEDC interlocal economic development partner list](#)
- [MEDC corporate economic development partner list](#)

## ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

ITC Holdings Corp. is the owner and operator of electric transmission systems in Michigan. For projects connecting at 120 kV and above, please contact the stakeholder relationship team of ITC Holdings Corp. by phone at 877.ITC.ITC9 (877.482.4829) or email [general@itctransco.com](mailto:general@itctransco.com).

## PRELIMINARY SITE AND LAND SEARCH

MEDC, through its sales operations team, can assist solar farm developers in the early stages of their site search by sharing a developer's site requirements with MEDC's local economic development partners. MEDC would issue a solar developer's project description and site requirements through an email communication to local partners statewide or to specific regions of interest to allow communities to submit sites directly to the developer.

## MEDC REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGERS

For developers and companies focused on a specific region(s) in Michigan, please find your regional business development manager using the MEDC's [business development manager map](#).

For further information or general inquiries, please contact the MEDC customer contact center at 888.522.0103 or visit MEDC's website at [www.michiganbusiness.org](http://www.michiganbusiness.org).