

# The City of Bowie, Maryland Sun, and Bowie Residents Organize Solar Bulk Purchase, Select MD-Based Sustainable Energy Systems to Complete Installations

**WASHINGTON, DC – Friday, March 13th, 2015:** The City of Bowie’s Planning Office and Maryland Sun (a project of Community Power Network) have organized more than 50 Bowie neighbors to go solar together. After a competitive bidding process the group of homeowners has selected Maryland-based [Sustainable Energy Systems](#) to install systems for all of the participants. Organized with the help of the City of Bowie’s Planning Office, the collaboration is enabling participating homeowners to install solar panels on their homes at deeply discounted rates.

The group of homeowners worked with Maryland Sun, a program of local nonprofit [Community Power Network](#) (CPN) to facilitate the process. CPN, which has implemented dozens of bulk purchase programs in the region, solicited competitive bids from a number of local installers on behalf of the group.

Sustainable Energy System’s in-house roofing experience, extended installation warranty and pricing were among the deciding factors in their selection. Each participant in the program will have their own system installed through individual contracts with the company.

The Bowie bulk purchase program will be open and available to new participants through [April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015](#). Bowie residents and those in neighboring communities are eligible to participate. Visit <http://mdsun.org/bowie-solar-coop/> to learn more about solar and to sign up to join the group.

Josh Rodgers, Sales Manager of Sustainable Energy Systems, says “Our Team is thrilled to launch our third group with CPN. We firmly believe residential solar will be an integral part of our nation’s energy future. Community movements such as the Bowie Solar Bulk Purchase are catalysts for wide spread solar growth and we couldn’t be more excited to help Bowie go solar.”

Kristin Larson, Sustainability Planner for the City of Bowie, says “It is wonderful to see so many Bowie residents participating in the co-op and choosing to install solar on their homes. Going solar provides both financial and environmental benefits.”

Anya Schoolman, Executive Director of Community Power Network, says the bulk purchase benefits everyone involved:

“We continue to be amazed by all the interest we receive from homeowners when we run these groups throughout the DC area. Going solar as part of a group makes the process much easier to navigate. Participants can rely on each other while saving money.”

Are you interested in organizing a bulk purchase in your community? To sign up, start your own neighborhood bulk purchase or to join one of the others already underway, contact [solarhelp@communitypowernetwork.org](mailto:solarhelp@communitypowernetwork.org).

## About Community Power Network

The Community Power Network (CPN) is a network of grass roots, local, state, and national organizations working to build, and promote locally based renewable energy projects & policies. Our mission is, in part, to help people start their own community-based renewable energy projects by providing resources, technical assistance, case studies, and connections to other practitioners. Check out our website at

<http://www.communitypowernetwork.com>.

### **About Sustainable Energy Systems**

Sustainable Energy Systems has designed and installed over 500 residential and small commercial systems in MD since 2008. We have a team of licensed personnel dedicated to designing and engineering quality and cost effective systems. Our goal is to provide a system that will withstand the test of time and produce clean, reliable energy for decades to come. SES has executed three community bulk purchase projects in the last 9 months. We have the experience and expertise to offer the customer a quality system and unmatched customer service at a substantially discounted rate.

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