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July 7, 2016

The Solar Foundation
600 14th St NW #400
Washington, DC 2005

Subject: City of LaBelle SolSmart Application; Foundational and Special Focus Category requirements

Dear Mr. Philip Haddix:

This letter is in support of the City of LaBelle's participation in the Solar Powering America by Recognizing Communities (SPARC) program. Please allow this letter to address the following Foundational and Special Focus Categories:

Permitting

The City of LaBelle Building and Permitting Department has streamlined the permitting pathway for small PV systems and has committed to providing a turn-around time no greater than 3 business days. Many PV projects will be able to be processed in under 48 hours.

Planning, Zoning & Development

The City of LaBelle has reviewed the planning and zoning requirements for the city and determined there are no restrictions either intentionally or unintentionally prohibiting PV development. The City of LaBelle is very progressive in regard to Photovoltaic Systems.

Special Focus Categories: Inspection

All City of LaBelle Building and Permitting Department staff are cross-trained on Solar PV systems.

Special Focus Categories: Construction Codes

The City of LaBelle adopted in early 2016 Solar Ready Construction Guidelines for developers to enable lower cost installation of future solar installations. A copy of the guidelines is posted on the City

of LaBelle website at www.citylabelle.com/applications/ Solar Ready Guidelines.

The City of LaBelle is looking forward to working with the U.S. Department of Energy SunShot Initiative as a SPARC community. Should additional information be required please contact me at michaelboyle@citylabelle.com or by phone at 863-675-2872

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Boyle".

Michael Boyle
Public Works Superintendent & Building Inspector