



Dan Sabia

Built Well Founder Nominated for Smart Growth Award

Nominations for these Vision Long Island awards are open to individuals and organizations that display Smart Growth leadership in several areas, including clean energy.

Dan Sabia, the founder and president of Built Well Solar Corp. was nominated for a 2011 Vision Long Island Smart Growth Leadership Award as an advocate for the utilization of clean energy on Long Island.

Among his noteworthy accomplishments, Dan was responsible for the first large-scale solar-electric installation at a public school district on Long Island. As described in a *New York Times* article, as Director of Facilities & Operations for the Carle Place School District, Dan brought the idea of solar-electric power to the district's board of education and served as project manager during its installation. A true LIPA Solar Pioneer, Dan installed the first 10 kilowatt residential PV system on Long Island on his home.

Dan founded his own solar energy installation company in 2001, one of "just two part-time solar installers" that made up the local solar industry at the time, according to LIPA. Built Well Solar Corp. has since grown to where it is responsible for some 10% of all residential PV installations on Long Island today.

Dan worked diligently since then to generously teach newcomers to the industry and to promote solar energy, educating as many Long Islanders as possible about the benefits of "clean" solar energy.

For example, he was alumni advisor to the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlon team at New York Institute of Technology in 2005 and 2007, speaker at Town of Hempstead solar energy seminars, and has made it his mission to "give back" to the community. ☉

LIPA Solar Pioneer/Entrepreneur Program Update

For more than a decade now, the Long Island Power Authority's (LIPA) nationally recognized Solar Pioneer Program for homeowners (with its sister Solar Entrepreneur Program for businesses and non-profits) has provided cash rebates as incentives to Long Islanders who switch to solar electricity.

According to LIPA, the programs "encourage customers to invest in

photovoltaic technology (PV) by lowering customers' bills, transforming the market, improving the environment, diversifying LIPA's energy portfolio, diminishing reliance on fossil fuels, and spurring the clean energy economy."

To date, through LIPA's Solar Pioneer/Entrepreneur Program, over \$109 million dollars in direct rebate incentives have been

provided and some 4,350 PV systems have been installed on Long Island, about 3500 residential. These solar-electricity systems produce more than 32 megawatts of non-polluting solar electricity, equivalent to reducing CO2 emissions by approximately 20,359 tons a year.

Currently, New York State has earmarked \$8.3 million in federal stimulus funds from the U.S.

Department of Energy for the LIPA Solar

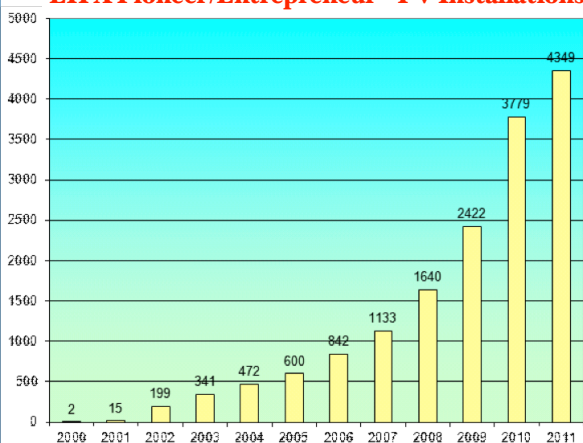
Pioneer residential solar energy program. Those residential LIPA rebates are offered at the \$1.75 per watt level, providing up to \$17,500 for a 10 kW system.

Last year, when the previous block of rebates were offered, Long Islanders reacted very quickly. All funds were fully subscribed within 11 minutes! Today's increased funding is expected to last much longer, but homeowners should apply as soon as possible to lock in rebates at this level!

Built Well Solar helps process the paperwork on behalf of any customer hoping to lock in a rebate, after providing a free solar suitability site evaluation to ensure that LIPA's usage and other requirements for the rebate are met, and we wait for the rebate so the customer doesn't have to! ☉



LIPA Pioneer/Entrepreneur - PV Installations



Source: LIPA