

# National Tri-Trade Solar Agreement

The **National Tri-Trade Solar Agreement** is an innovative partnership between the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Electricians unions that will streamline the construction process for utility-scale solar across the United States and reduce the burdens on developers, contractors and customers to meet the requirements of the Inflation Reduction Act and clear other regulatory hurdles.

Designed specifically for the solar industry, the NTTSA will eliminate inter-trade conflicts over job assignments, and actively work to eliminate delays due to staffing shortages through inter-union cooperation.

## Key Benefits to Mitigate Risk:

### ***IRA Compliance***

Working under this agreement, developers can rest assured their project will meet the strict prevailing wage and apprenticeship utilization requirements of the IRA, mitigating the risk of failing to earn critical tax credits. The unions are also uniquely positioned to ensure community guidelines compliance with the new laws, including local-hire and diversity standards.

### ***Workforce Flexibility***

The three union trades party to the NTTSA will assist one another with filling any open calls on a signatory project. If one union can't fill a call, the job will roll to the next, ensuring maximum flexibility and prioritizing workforce availability.

### ***Eliminates Inter-trade Conflicts***

The NTTSA outlines more than 70 specific job assignments on solar projects and assigns them to each trade. Working under this agreement means zero inter-trade conflicts over work assignments.

### ***Cost Benefits***

The NTTSA will result in comparable costs or cost savings compared to building new utility-scale solar under merit shop or agreements like the National Maintenance Agreement.

### ***A Proven Solution***

LiUNA, IUOE and IBEW have been working under similar three-trade agreements in multiple states already, including Illinois and Ohio. The results have been extraordinary and led to the creation of this national agreement.

### ***Relationships***

As active members of our communities, LiUNA, IUOE and IBEW have the relationships with community leaders, lawmakers and large utility customers to assist developers with all aspects of project planning, permitting, siting, and more.



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