DECEMBER 2012

PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

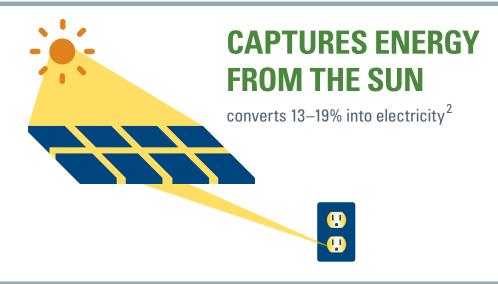
OPPORTUNITY

How much energy is generated by photovoltaics in GSA buildings?

1% OF GSA'S ENERGY COMES FROM SOLAR¹

TECHNOLOGY

How does PV work?



M&V

Where did Measurement and Verification occur?

SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES and NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING assessed performance of 5 PV installations provided by Sunpower, Evergreen Solar, Solyndra, United Solar Ovonic, and Abound Solar at the Major General Emmett J. Bean Federal Center in Indianapolis, Indiana

RESULTS

How did photovoltaics perform in M&V?

8%
OF SITE
LOAD ENERGY
generated from PV³

PARITY

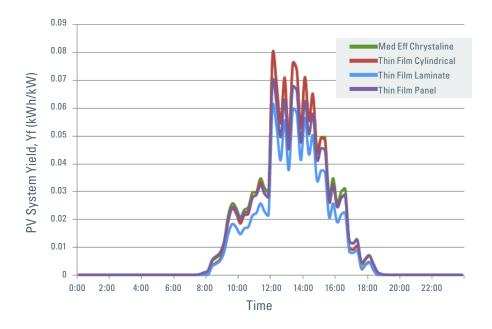
AMONG SYSTEMS

under cloudy skies⁴

YEAR
payback⁵
Steady decline in
PV cost will further
improve payback⁶

Laboratory Systems Perform Similarly Under Cloudy Skies

 $PV\ System\ Yield\ on\ Cloudy\ Day,\ March\ 3,\ 2012$



DEPLOYMENT

Where does
M&V recommend
deploying
photovoltaics?

PV EFFECTIVE EVEN IN DIFFUSE, 4-SEASON CLIMATES

PRICE SHOULD DRIVE PV SELECTION

Modeling tools produce accurate simulations for both sunny and cloudy climates

¹GSA Energy Usage Analysis System, 2013 ²Photovoltaic System Performance. Andrew L. Rosenthal (USDOE, NMSU, SNL) December 2012, p.5 ³Ibid, p.12 ⁴Ibid, p.12 ⁵Ibid, p.12 ⁶Ibid, p.3

