

The availability of tax credits and incentives, the decline in the cost of solar materials, and a generational technology improvement make buying solar projects **NOW** smarter than ever.



## Federal tax incentives favor commercial installations in two ways:

Accelerated depreciation, and a 26% investment tax credit.

**Depreciation:** Accelerated depreciation, based on a 5 year MACRS.

**26% Investment Tax Credit (ITC):** The 26% ITC for solar PV systems is an upfront 26% credit applied against the cost of the system.

## What types of solar electric systems qualify for the 26% Federal Tax Credit?

- ANY complete solar power package.
- Back up system as long as the purchase includes at least one solar panel.

A tax credits is generally more valuable than a tax deduction because a tax credit reduces tax dollar for dollar.

## Some Facts Regarding Eligibility of the Federal Tax Credit:

- If the federal tax credit exceeds your tax liability, the balance may be continuously carried forward until reduced to zero.
- There is no ceiling on the tax credit.
- Applies to total project costs.

## For more information on the federal tax credits, we suggest you consult with your tax professional.