City of Albuquerque
Environmental Health Department

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

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To: SolSmart Program Administrators
International City/County Management Association
The Solar Foundation

Dear Solsmart Administrators,

 I am pleased to share the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department is committed to leading efforts to pursue Solsmart designation. In partnership with the SolSmart team, the Environmental Health Department staff will assess opportunities to improve solar market conditions and increase solar energy access for residents and businesses. These efforts can potentially increase the efficiency of local solar development, resulting in more accelerated deployment of renewable energy and efficient use of resources.

The Environmental Health Department will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Form partnerships with neighborhoods, businesses, institutions, and utilities to increase solar development prioritizing frontline communities.
- Continue implementation of city owned solar installations to help meet our 2025 100% renewable energy for municipal operations goal.
- Support local and state-wide standards for community solar programs, micro-grid establishment and grid modernization prioritizing low income areas.

These established goals demonstrate that Albuquerque is committed to driving continuous improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, advancing community priorities in the 2021 Albuquerque Climate Action Plan. In order to measure progress along the way, the Environmental Health Department will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

Inquiries related to the Environmental Health Department's SolSmart participation can be directed to Denise Castillo-Gonzalez at decastillo@cabq.gov or (505)932-8745.

Sincerely,

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