



Solar Electric (Photovoltaics) Installer Comparison Form

Sources: Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (coseia.org), Colorado Renewable Energy Society (cres-energy.org).

	Company 1	Company 2	Company 3
It is important to conduct an initial assessment to determine what solar technology best fits your needs.			
Ask about their PV installation experience. Number of systems? What sizes?			
How many years of experience does the company have installing solar energy systems?			
Is the company familiar with the utility rebate opportunity? Will they manage the paperwork responsibility to ensure that a rebate is received?			
Look for companies with a Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association certification.			
Determine if the company has any pending or active judgments or liens against it.			
Evaluate the structure of the bid to see if it is broken down into installation and equipment costs. The system type and size energy output, maintenance requirements and costs should be included. Ask about any additional costs for permits, sales taxes, and warranties.			
Equipment used should be certified by the Solar Rating and Certification Corporation (SRCC).			
Better Business Bureau status			
Licensing & Insurance Verify the installer has the required licensed electrician to do the Alternating Current work. Look for the solar contractor specialty license, issued by a local building jurisdiction, that recognizes-through testing or other means-special knowledge of solar energy systems.			

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Evaluate the bid Does their cost include having the system installed and getting it up and running, as well as the cost of hardware, permits, sales tax, user's manual, and warranties?			
Customer References			

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