

# BUREAU VERITAS (BV) WESTERN SOLAR PROGRAM

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Facilitating lower electrical costs and addressing growing aspirations to transition to more renewable energy sources have become driving forces increasing the use of solar power on residential properties. This shift has not only contributed to the furthering of environmental initiatives but also become an economical way for homeowners to offset long-term costs.



The BV Solar Program is comprised of highly qualified code reviewers, specializing in solar plan reviews, working out of a centralized scheduling center. This consolidated location allows for the efficient management of virtually any workload while ensuring the jurisdiction's deadlines are met and budgets are adhered to.

## PROCESS

### Microsoft Teams

Ideally, collaboration would be organized via a joint Microsoft Teams (Teams) account which would be established specifically for the jurisdiction. Once created, an invitation would be sent to the appropriate jurisdictional representatives by the BV Solar Team. The jurisdiction's Permit Technician would then upload the documents for review to an "Incoming" folder on Teams. Next, the firm's assigned reviewer would download the aforementioned files, complete the review, and then re-upload them to either an "Outgoing Approved" or "Outgoing with Comments" folder and notify the jurisdiction via email.

### Jurisdiction's Software

BV personnel are well-versed in many permitting software platforms utilized by various jurisdictions. Should the jurisdiction wish to use an already established permitting software, the firm is prepared to accommodate this as the "best practice" with minimal learning curves or ramp-up time needed. In this scenario, BV would require all the necessary access, licenses, and the VPN specific to the jurisdiction's software.

## TIME & COST

Typical Review	
Initial Review	4 Working Days for the First Review
Subsequent Review	2 Working Days
Typical Expedited Review	
Expedited Review	2 Working Days for the First Review
Subsequent Review	1 Working Day
The intent is to pass the plans the first time provided the solar checklist and all associated documentation is included and is less than 10kW.	
Solar projects over 10kW and up to 25kW will go through the normal project review process with a maximum turnaround time of 7 working days for the initial review and 4 working days for subsequent reviews. Turnaround times associated with projects over 25kW will be negotiated on a case by case basis.	

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