



Gallup Solar—A Proven Track Record

Gallup Solar is a community group established in McKinley County, NM—working with National, State and local elected representatives, utilities, industry, the National Labs and others to bring solar/ renewable energy and related jobs to people in our area. Founded in 2007 by 5 women, Gallup Solar now has over 600 members and supporters in McKinley County and the Navajo Nation. Gallup Solar is a charitable organization. In our first 2 years we already have a proven track record.

What we have accomplished so far:

1. As a result of the GS weekly "Think Tank" meetings one member has composed a resolution, bylaws, & attained the unanimous approval of the Gallup City Council founding the "Sustainable Energy Board", a citizen based advisory body to city government.
2. In May, Gallup Solar participated in the annual Water Awareness and Energy Conservation Day.” for over 1500 Gallup school students.
3. A 2.0 kilowatt electric solar photovoltaic system installed in early May at St. Mary Mission in Tohatchi, NM, was inspired by Gallup Solar.
4. Gallup Solar participated in the 4th Annual Solar Summit, on July 9th and 10th, in San Diego, California. Topics included Growth, Deal Structures, Tax Credits and Innovations.
5. Two of our members attended the conference titled, “Re-Energize America—Policy, Practice, and Possibility for America's Energy Future”, in Las Cruces NM.
6. We have held 2 fall solar forums in partnership with the Navajo Nation at the Navajo Nation Museum in Window Rock, Arizona. The most recent Forum title was: Partnering to Bring Renewable Energy to All – A Multi-agency Forum.
7. Gallup Solar—along with Sustainable Gallup, University of New Mexico-Gallup, Western New Mexico University, and NMPED-Indian Division—sponsored a series of events around Gallup during “Sustainability Week—November 7-13th.”
8. We have been designated as the lead agency by McKinley County for the administration of a \$45,000 NM State budgeted study of renewable energy potential in this area.
9. Gallup Solar members have held numerous meetings with local companies, state, county and city government officials, businessmen, national Laboratories, Tribal leaders and utilities to identify ways Gallup Solar could provide them with renewable energy solutions.
10. Based on a model that has been used successfully in other parts of the country (“Energy Raisers”), Gallup Solar is in the process of forming a community group interested in learning about home hot water or PV installations, or in getting them installed on their own homes.
11. We inspired the idea for the NewMexEco Industrial Park.
12. We are the local contact and members of the Green Chamber of Commerce.
13. We are members of the Gallup Chamber of Commerce
14. We are partnered with NMSEA, the NM Economic Development, NM Partnership, Work in Beauty, Inc. as well as McKinley County.
15. We have had the following corporate sponsors for our Expo: Community Pantry, Emcore Corp, Gallup Herald, Gallup Journey, Navajo EPA, Navajo Nation Museum, Peshlakei Corp, Tessera Solar, and Powerline Technologies.