



# Solar panel production enterprises under construction

Will first solar build a fourth thin-film solar panel manufacturing facility?

Federal support of solar manufacturing did lead to First Solar announcing it would invest up to \$1.2 billion in a fourth thin-film solar panel manufacturing facility somewhere in the Southeast. The new facility will have an annual capacity of 3.5 GW and should open by the end of 2025.

What is the major solar projects list?

The Major Solar Projects List is a database of all ground-mounted solar projects, 1 MW and above, that are either operating, under construction or under development. The list is for informational purposes only, reflecting projects and completed milestones in the public domain.

How many jobs will the solar PV industry create?

The solar PV industry could create 1 300 manufacturing jobs for each gigawatt of production capacity. The solar PV sector has the potential to double its number of direct manufacturing jobs to 1 million by 2030. The most job-intensive segments along the PV supply chain are module and cell manufacturing.

Where are solar panels made?

Canadian panel assembler Silfab operates twin 400-MW manufacturing facilities in Washington, and executive advisor Geoff Atkins told Solar Power World that the company ordered equipment and was proceeding with plans to add two new production lines at one of the plants prior to the IRA passing.

How has global solar PV manufacturing capacity changed over the last decade?

Global solar PV manufacturing capacity has increasingly moved from Europe, Japan and the United States to China over the last decade. China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity - ten times more than Europe - and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011.

How many solar projects are there?

There are more than 7,950 major solar projects currently in the database, representing over 340 GWdc of capacity. There are over 1,200 major energy storage projects currently in the database, representing more than 89,000 MWh of capacity. The list shows that there are more than 180 GWdc of major solar projects currently operating.

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