

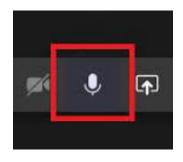
#### SMART Source<sup>SM</sup> Solar PV Program 2021 Kickoff

Thursday, December 17, 11 a.m. Central Please keep your line muted!





# Housekeeping



Please keep your line muted



Raise your virtual hand or ask questions using the text messaging in Teams (your messages will be viewable by all participants)



We'll try to address all questions at the end. If there are questions we can't address today, we'll follow up via email. Note this webinar is being recorded.



# Agenda

#### What we'll cover:

- 2020 Successes and Challenges
- Key updates in 2021
- 2021 Program Overview
  - Utility service areas
  - Service provider/customer eligibility
  - Program budgets, incentive levels, limits

- Submitting your
   Enrollment Application on P3
- Seeking Your Input
- Contact and Questions





### 2020 Successes and Challenges

- Successes
  - 59 residential projects,615 kWdc installed
  - 10 commercial projects,848 kWdc installed
  - 2,047,000 kWh annual energy savings
  - 556 kW demand savings
  - Dealing with COVID-19

- Challenges
  - Late completions/ extension requests
  - Commercial projects in western region
  - Dealing with COVID-19









- AEP Texas
  - Transitioning to a single AEP Texas
    - Central and North divisions merging
    - But still different budgets by region and for residential and commercial programs









- 100% Online Interface
  - P3 system will enable fully online:
    - Market actor (formerly "service provider") application and enrollment
    - Project funding application and approval
    - Notification of final installation/inspection/payment
    - All documentation uploads required for each step





- P3 Enrollment application stage starts now, and continues through Dec. 31, 2020
  - In January 2021, Frontier will approve or deny enrollment applications, based on:
    - Past program performance
    - Geographic coverage offered
    - Services offered
  - Program will open for approved applicants to begin submitting projects for funding in 2021 (date tbd)
  - We'll offer an additional training webinar for approved applicants before this stage opens





- Program budgets will remain the same as last year
  - Considering iterative budget releases
    - 50% available on program start, 75% 3 months later, 100% by June 30;
    - We request your feedback on this idea





- Incentives offered:
  - Residential moving to new fixed incentive structure
  - Commercial retains existing tiered rate structure, no change to incentive rates, but no early completion bonus will be offered









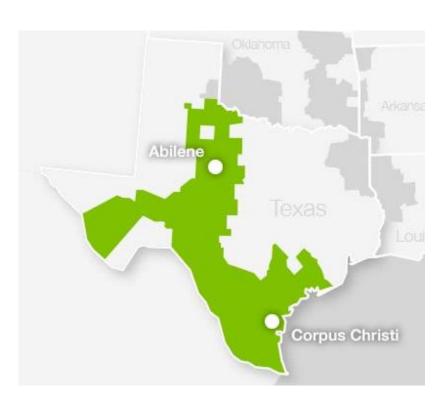
#### **AEP Texas Service Area**

- New single service area (but still operate as if there are separate programs for TCC and TNC)
- Jim Fowler is the Program Manager, jjfowler@aep.com

#### **Frontier Energy**

- Administers the Program(s) for AEP Texas
- Key contacts are:
  - Rob Lovenguth, <u>rlovenguth@frontierenergy.com</u>
  - Tracie Cooper, <u>tcooper@frontierenergy.com</u>
  - Steve Wiese, <u>swiese@frontierenergy.com</u>







#### **Market Actor eligibility**

- Insurance and W9:
  - GL insurance with minimum limits of \$500k per occurrence and \$500k general aggregate; BI/PD \$500k general aggregate, should name Frontier Energy as additional insured
- Must agree
  - To comply with all program requirements
  - That only licensed electrical contractors and licensed electricians will offer, perform and permit all associated electrical work
- Minimum Qualification
  - TECL + NABCEP Certified Installer, or
  - TECL + qualified to sit for NABCEP Certified Installer exam, or
  - TECL + 40 hours solar training (min)







#### **Customer eligibility**

- Served by AEP Texas at the distribution level
- First 9 digits of ESI ID on electric bill identify the distribution utility
  - 100327894 or 102040497
- Residential or commercial determined by rate class at meter
- P3 will allow ESI ID lookup to assist with data entry and eligibility determination

**AEP Texas** 





#### **2021 Budgets**

- Residential \$270,000 total (divided by region)
- Commercial \$253,590 total (divided by region)
- In both programs, TCC region budget is about double the TNC budget

#### **2021 Incentive Levels**

- Residential fixed incentive structure
  - 3-4.999 kWdc = \$1,500
  - 5-7.499 kWdc = \$2,250
  - 7.5+ kWdc = \$3,000
- One time access to program (no future solar incentives for subsequent additions at same address/meter)
- Commercial retains existing tiered rate structure
  - \$0.50/Wdc for first 0-25 kWdc
- No early completion bonus
- \$0.25/Wdc for next 25-200 kWdc
- \$0.00/Wdc for additional kWdc





#### **Project Size Limits**

 Estimated annual energy production from all generation sources must be < or = estimated annual energy consumption</li>

#### **Incentive Limits**

- Maximum incentive per project/per customer
  - \$3,000 residential
  - \$56,250 non-residential (incentives up to 200 kWdc)
- Per service provider/project owner
  - Residential: 30% of available program funding
  - Commercial: \$56,250
- Open Season limits removed July 1, 2021 if funding has not been claimed





# **Program Websites**

#### Existing program website

- http://www.txreincentives.com/
- Public information, announcements
- Program guidebook (when available)

#### P3

- https://tcc.p3.enertrek.com and https://tnc.p3.enertrek.com
- Current budget and project status
- All project data entry





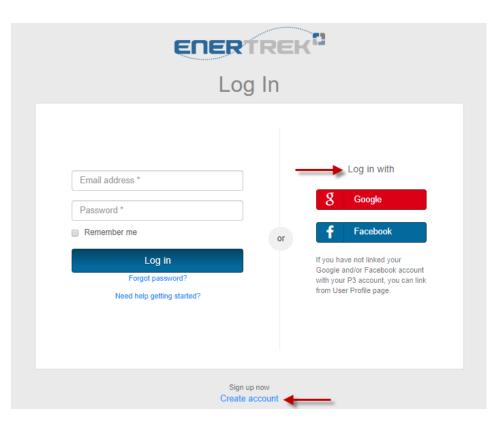
# 2021 Tracking SystemP3 – Program Portfolio Portal





# P3 Registration

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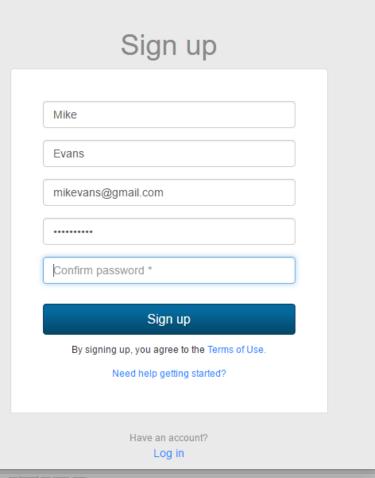


- Select the "Create account" link in blue on the login page
- Or login using your Google or Facebook account





### P3 Registration



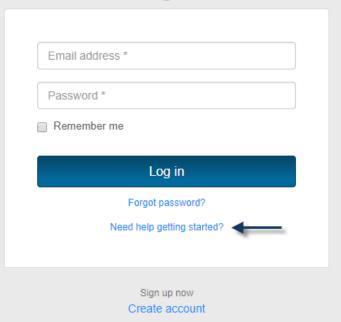
- Users will be asked to provide the following:
  - First/Last Name
  - Email Address
  - Password
- Please note that the email address and password provided will be your username and password going forward when accessing P3

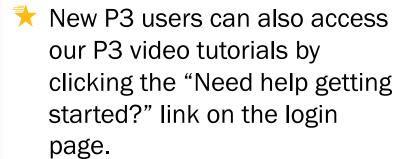






#### Log in





#### Getting Started with P3

to get started with the P3 Platform, please watch the video tutorials below.

#### P3 Registration Process Video Tutorial

See how easy it is to use P3. Watch our Registration tutorial below to get started.

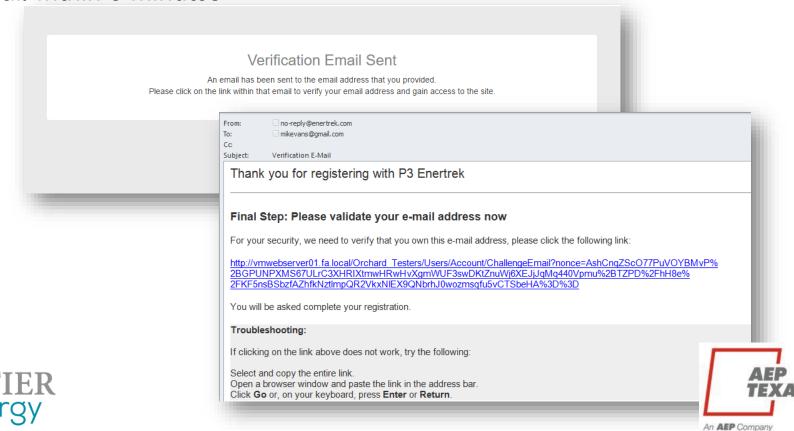


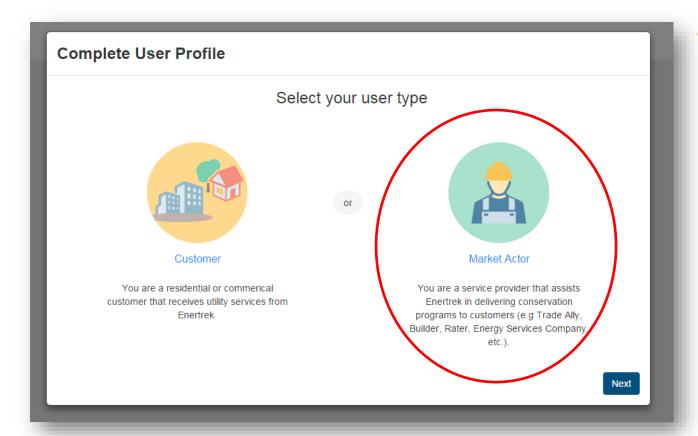




#### P3 Email Validation

- > Users will be sent a verification email to the email address provided
- Please check your email spam/junk folders if you do not receive this email within 5 minutes

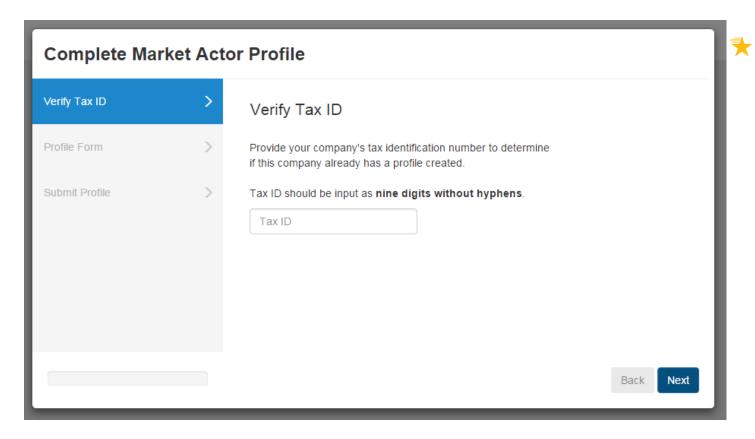




Select the Market Actor icon and click the Next button



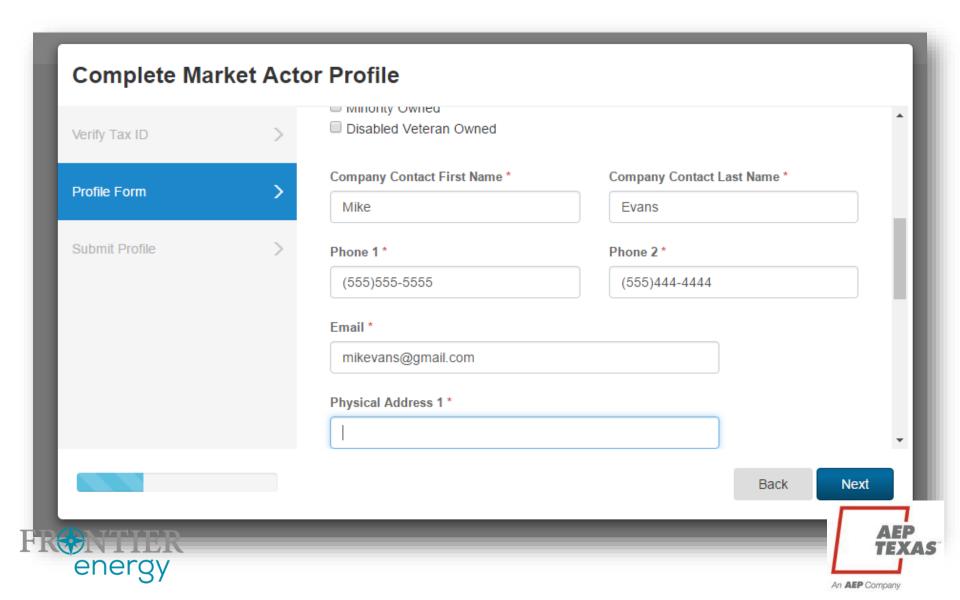


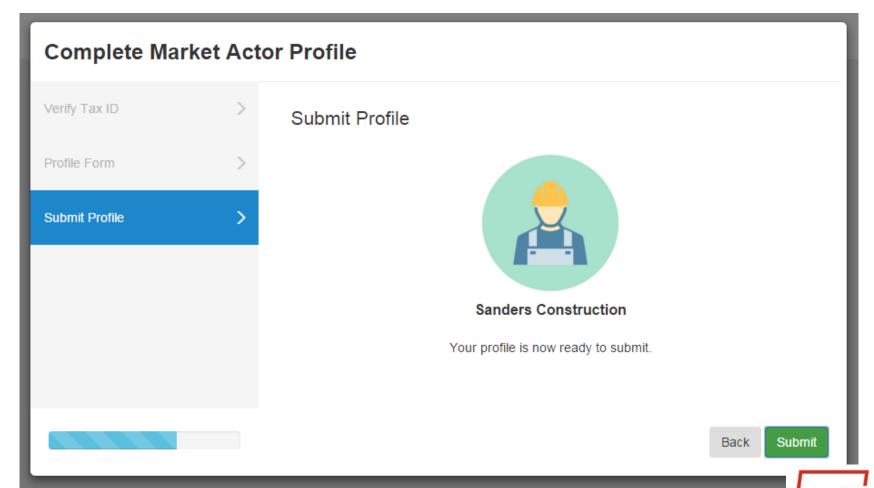


Users will need to provide basic company information including their Tax ID, Address, and company contact information









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# P3 Program Enrollment Process





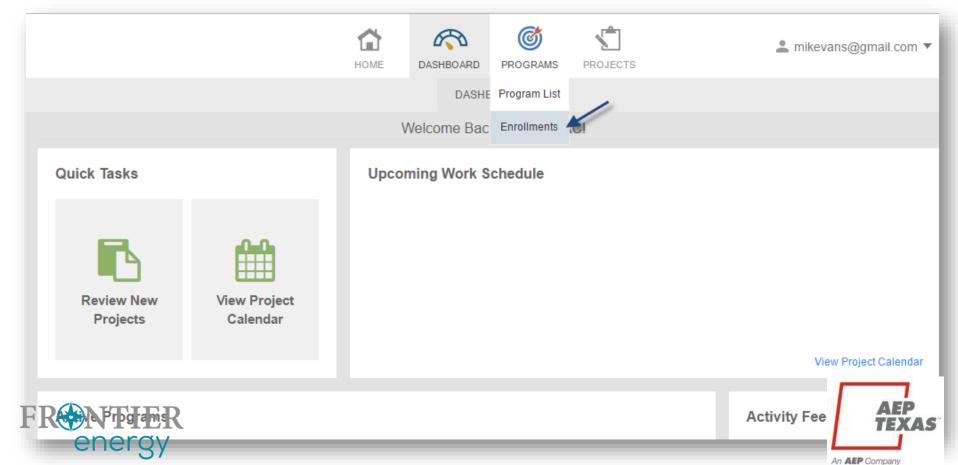
#### P3 Enrollment Overview

- > Users will need to create an enrollment application for the program(s) they wish to participate in
- > Users that wish to apply to more than one program will need to complete separate enrollment applications for each applicable program
- Enrollment applications can be saved and users can return to the application at any time to complete it
- The image is approved by the Utility Administrator

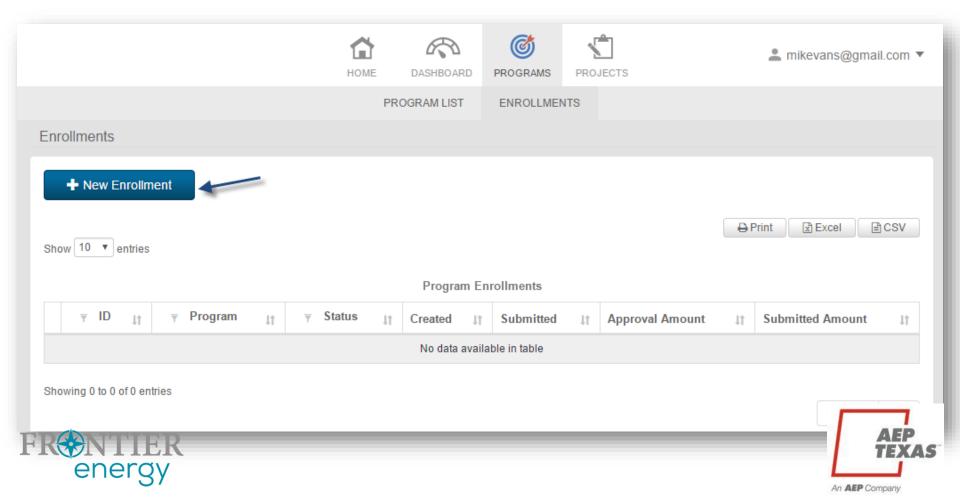




- 🔭 After logging in, navigate to the Programs Icon at the top of the screen
- Select Enrollments from the drop-down menu



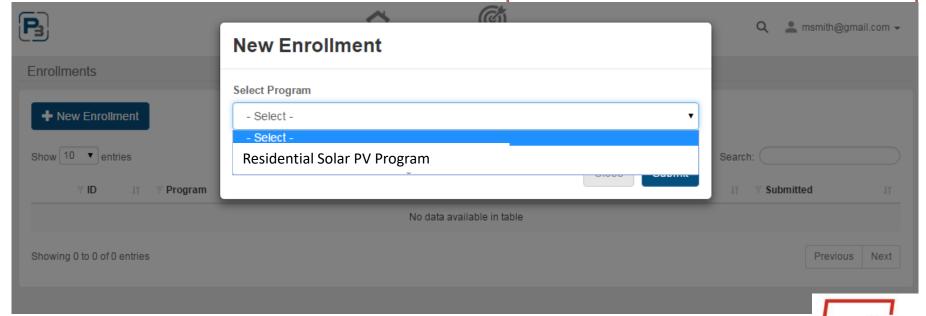
Select the + New Enrollment button in blue



- 🔭 The New Enrollment modal will appear
- Select the program you wish to apply to from the drop-down menu
- Click the Submit button to continue

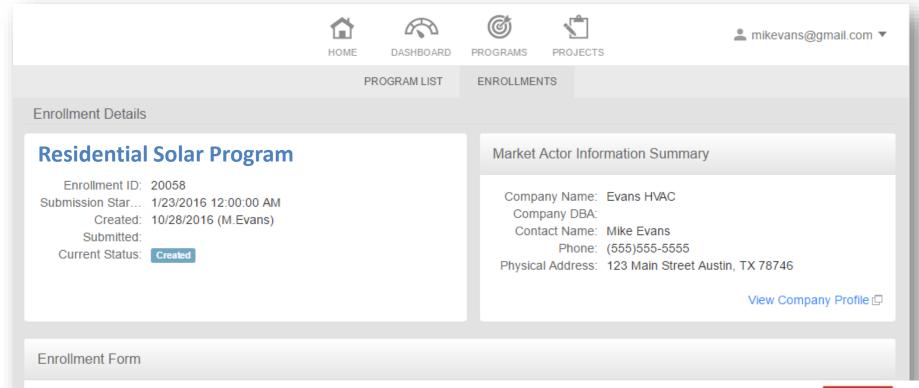
Please note: You only need to register for the Residential solar program (we will copy your information to the Commercial solar program if you indicated that you wish to enroll in both on the enrollment form)

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- The enrollment application will be displayed
- All required fields are indicated with a red \* asterisk







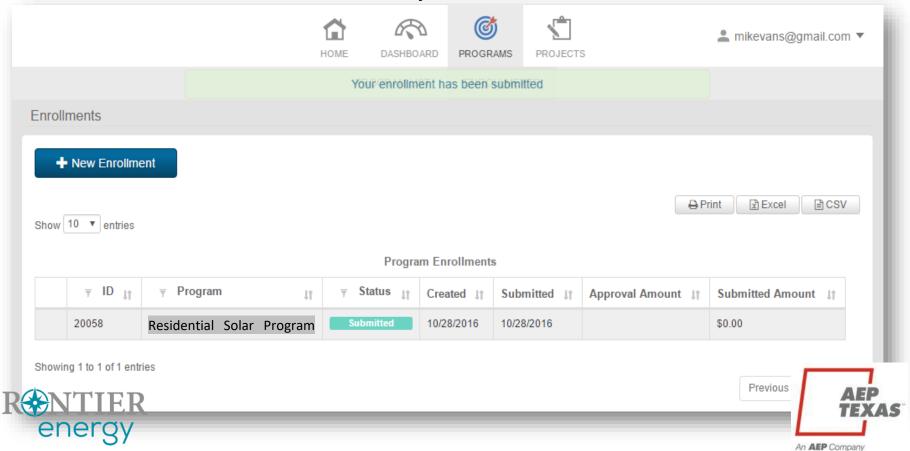
- $\star$  Users have the option of saving the application or submitting it for approval
- Please note that once an application has been submitted, you will no longer have the ability to make edits to the application

	Program Qualifications	
Applicant must demonstrate program qualifications as shown below, and must provide docu	mentation supporting the highest listed qualification.	
Applicant is a licensed Texas Electrical Contractor, and:		
✓ I employ at least one full-time regionally-based employee who is currently certified by the No NABCEP) and I have uploaded a copy of my NABCEP certification to my Company Profile.	orth American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) as a PV Installer (NABCEP PV Installer certification, not the entry level certification also offered by	
or,		
☐ I employ at least one full-time regionally-based employee who has been determined by NAB notification from NABCEP of eligibility to sit for the exam to my Company Profile.	CEP to be eligible to sit for the NABCEP PV Installer exam (Please see www.nabcep.org for more details on eligibility requirements) and I have uploaded written	
or,		
I employ at least one full-time regionally-based employee who has completed at least 40 hou	urs of PV installation training provided by a third party and I have uploaded a copy of certificate showing 40 hours of PV training to my Company Profile.	
Texas Electrical License		
License #. *	Expiration Date: *	
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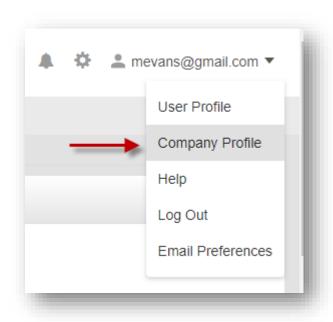


- > Once the application has been submitted, it will be displayed on the Program Enrollments table
- Once the application has been Pre-Approved, Approved or Denied, the status will be updated on this table and an email will be sent to you



#### P3 Required Company Documents

The Company Profile section is where Market Actors will upload certifications, licenses, W9s and any other required documentation relating to their Enrollment Application



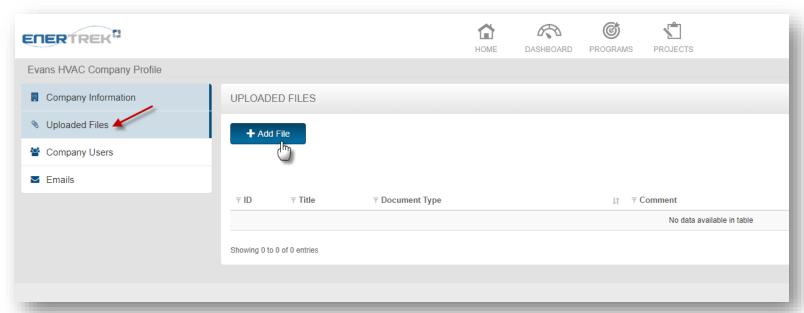
Click on Company Profile from the drop-down menu at the top right of the page under your Username





#### P3 Required Company Documents

Go to the Uploaded Files tab and select the + Add File button in blue



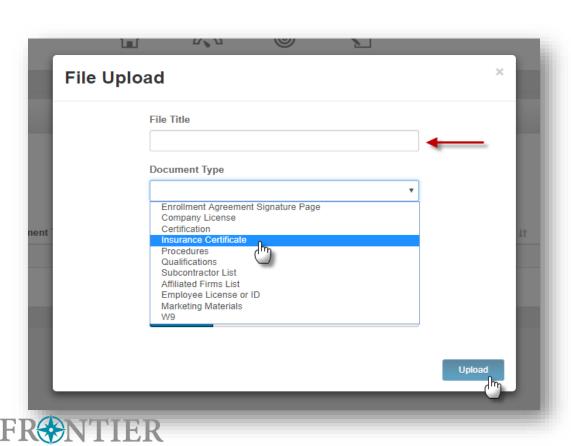
- Five (5) files you will need to upload at the Enrollment application stage:
  - COI TECL Contractors license
  - ★ W9 ★NABCEP and/or training status
    - ★Signed copy of AEP Texas Solar PV Participation Agreement (download is available from the Enrollment form)





#### P3 Required Company Documents

The File Upload modal will appear



- The title title
- Select the type of file being uploaded
- Enter any notes associated with the file
- Select the file by clicking the Browse button
- Select Upload
- Repeat steps 3-4 for each required document



### P3 Support

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PROGRAM PORTFOLIO PORTAL





#### What to do next

- Complete P3 Registration and Market Actor Profile at https://tcc.p3.enertrek.com and/or https://tnc.p3.enertrek.com
  - Sign up, email validation, set up Market Actor profile (basic company information, contacts, address, etc.), enter tax ID, remember to hit "Submit"
- 2. Next, Apply for Enrollment in the Residential Program(s)
  - Complete and submit the online Enrollment Application form (and indicate your interest in the Commercial program on the form)
  - Submit all required documentation to Company Profile (W9, COI, TECL, NABCEP/training, Participation Agreement)
- Complete these tasks for TNC and TCC by December 31, 2020
- We will get back to you in January





#### Thank You!



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