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The Lorain County Solar Co-Op has announced that it has selected Ohio-based company Third Sun Solar to install panels for the group.

The co-op is part of Ohio Solar United Neighborhoods, or OH SUN, a group focused on educating Ohioans about solar energy and helping homeowners organize group solar installations to bring renewable energy to their neighborhoods. Currently, the Lorain County Solar Co-Op has 60 members.

Third Sun Solar was selected to install the panels over four other companies. Co-op members chose the firm based on its history of solar in Ohio and the many options in equipment it offered.

Third Sun Solar has provided solar power throughout the state. Its home office is in Athens.

"It is an honor to be selected because we know how thoroughly they reviewed each bid. We are eager to help more people go solar by providing quality panels at a good price," said Geoff Greenfield, president of Third Sun.

The cost of solar power systems can vary, depending on factors such as energy usage, available space and budget. For most residential homes, the best option is a 10-kilowatt system. The average household uses 11,000 kilowatt-hours per year. With one kilowatt of solar producing about 1,000 kilowatt hours, the 10 kilowatt system covers most of electrical power. As a backup, most solar power systems are tied to the local utility grid.

A single home system installation costs about \$26,000 overall. The average monthly electric bill in Ohio is \$105.

The Lorain County Solar Co-Op will be accepting new members through June 15 at www.OHSUN.org/Lorain. By joining a group and picking a single provider, those interested in making their homes solar can save up to 20 percent on installing panels.

"I've worked with solar in my professional life for several years, but I now have a great opportunity to have it installed on my own home," said co-op member Eugene Matthews. "The co-op has provided me with a simple, cost-effective process to go solar."

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