

Business Topics Session

Symposium on Manufacturing and Technology for Thin Film Photovoltaics

In today's complex environment of commercial globalization, competing technologies, nation-specific energy policies, and large-scale capital requirements, the "business" of participating in the thin film photovoltaics market has never been more exciting. It has also never been riskier and the stakes have never been higher!

A key component of the SVC Strategic plan is to present a forum to address the unique commercial challenges that face our constituents and also provide forward-looking analysis that will both guide and educate the membership. The SVC is soliciting presentations and posters that address these issues in the following areas:

- *Emerging trends and markets with a focus on financial opportunities and risk management*
- *Pressures on thin film technology as cost and implementation potentially offset durability, aesthetics, and performance advantages*
- *Technical developments required to support larger scale implementation of thin film photovoltaics and manufacturing cost efficiencies*
- *Strategic materials issues, and supply chain management*
- *"Best Practice" implementation, industrial collaboration, benchmarking, and strategies*
- *Government/Private funding initiatives for technology development, start-up "seed" monies, and workforce education/training*
- *Intellectual property development, maintenance, and protection*

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