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Rebecca Cantwell brings years of project management, communications and policy leadership experience to her work on solar energy. As Executive Director of the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association, Rebecca oversees all aspects of the award-winning non-profit that leads Colorado's solar industry with more than 200 members. COSEIA works on advancing solar policy and doing outreach and communications through a variety of programs. Rebecca led the team that created Solar Friendly Communities, a unique program to reduce solar soft costs by partnering with local governments to streamline permitting. In its first 3 years, the program recognized and certified 18 cities representing nearly 3 million people. Rebecca has more recently spearheaded creation of Solar CitiSuns, a public-facing community of solar advocates designed to build a bigger support base for effective solar policies. And she helped found New Energy Colorado as a 501(c)(3) educational charity to educate people about solar energy as well as work on policy and advocacy. Rebecca previously worked as a Community Energy Coordinator and managed numerous renewable energy and energy efficiency programs. She earlier launched and edited numerous magazines-- for clients include home builders, hospitals and a clean energy nonprofit. She came to her work on clean energy after a nationally award-winning career as a newspaper reporter and editor. LinkedIn here: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/rebecca-cantwell-96b9193/> and her COSEIA link here: <http://coseia.org/about/rebecca-cantwell-bio/>