



## SunLink VERTEX Project Intelligence Platform now Available in the App Store

*Platform reduces solar O&M costs, improves long-term energy plant profitability and enhances grid security*

**San Rafael, Calif., April 25, 2016** — SunLink Corporation's next-generation, secure total project SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) and solar performance monitoring platform VERTEX is now available for download in the Apple Store. A demo video of the new app can be viewed here: <http://bit.ly/1NICjOR>.

Using the app's customer portal, VERTEX subscribers gain protected access for their project stakeholders to both real-time data for their Control Centers and mobile device-based controls to optimize project-by-project and total portfolio performance.

"Mobile project controls have the power to revolutionize O&M and the energy industry but only when protected by the highest levels of cybersecurity," explains SunLink CEO Michael Maulick. "The energy industry is focused on securing grid assets ranging from power plants and substations to smart-metered customers and, as proven in the Ukraine and Rye, N.Y., SCADA systems are particularly vulnerable. As a tech industry veteran, I recognized the significant opportunity energy has to build upon the advances so far achieved in cybersecurity and how to best enable progress via open source. Solar is the optimal energy player to steer the introduction of cybersecurity technologies – especially those that can coexist with legacy systems – because solar is leading the addition of new assets to the grid. By solving the problem here, we fast-track a ubiquitous, next-generation solar scalability platform."

SunLink's multi-factor cybersecurity protocols include biometrics and tokenization, among other measures.

"For too long the solar industry has maintained that little can be done to rein in O&M costs. We've proven that stance wrong with VERTEX," adds SunLink VP of Products Kate Trono. "The ability to monitor and control projects remotely changes long-term project economics because it's much less expensive to swipe your phone than roll a truck, and it's even more financially beneficial to leverage real-time data collected via Internet of Things technology to target and optimize troubleshooting. Whether monitoring one project or 1,000, owners and O&M providers can be immediately alerted as to what needs their attention and how important the issue is to their energy production. Advances in artificial intelligence and big data will allow us to enhance this platform's capabilities even further. "

Via the app's public channel, users can get a glimpse into VERTEX's real time monitoring capabilities by browsing energy generation and project performance data for energy projects that

have chosen to share their project data openly. Arizona State University is the first to make its energy data public via VERTEX in connection with a group of tracker and rooftop projects being managed by SunLink's PowerCare O&M team. Though the option to keep data completely private exists, SunLink applauds those who have decided to share their energy data openly for the benefit of energy progress.

SunLink's goal is for VERTEX is to jump start of an era of rapid EnTech convergence - where the brightest minds from tech and energy collaborate for the betterment of each industry.

"Data openness and an open platform are at the core of the VERTEX solution," emphasizes Trono. "The tech sector has proven that exposing interfaces to the creativity of others via open platforms is the most effective path to accelerate industry growth, product capabilities and product acceptance. We hope that tech innovators who are interested in advancing global solar adoption will find VERTEX's RESTful API a powerful springboard upon which they can develop a new breed of energy solutions."

For more information about SunLink's VERTEX technology and commitment to EnTech convergence, watch the YouTube video series at <http://bit.ly/20vaBAU>, the SunLink VERTEX Webinar and visit the SunLink blog at [sunlink.com/linkup](http://sunlink.com/linkup).

## **About SunLink**

SunLink Corporation brings powerful solar energy solutions to market through innovative, highly engineered products, in-demand customer services and best-of-breed software that make solar PV electricity easier, safer, more reliable and less expensive to install. In addition to bringing to market well-designed products that are agile in their implementation, the company leverages unparalleled R&D, a legacy of more than a GW of successful projects, state-of-the-art engineering and creative problem solving to develop optimized, full-scope product+service+software solutions for roof and ground-mount solar projects of every size and complexity. It is this unique combination of trusted insights, products, services and EnTech convergence that helps solar developers and installers overcome obstacles and furthers the industry's shared mission of advancing universal solar power adoption. For more information, visit [www.sunlink.com](http://www.sunlink.com) or follow [twitter.com/sunlink](https://twitter.com/sunlink).

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