

NCPV Hotline — Week of March 23-31, 2009

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3-23-09 Solyndra Offered DOE Loan Guarantee

Solyndra, Inc. announced that it is the first company to receive an offer for a U.S. DOE loan guarantee under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Solyndra will use the proceeds of a \$535 million loan from the US. Treasury's Federal Financing Bank to expand its solar panel manufacturing capacity in California. Press at Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/News/Press-Release-032009>

Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA159.htm>

Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/categories/category-solar.html>

<http://tinyurl.com/d9xjbz>

<http://cbs5.com/local/Fremont.solar.company.2.965171.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c2tm7u>

<http://tinyurl.com/dnckmc> <http://tinyurl.com/dlggga> <http://tinyurl.com/cbcrgo>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7078.htm>

3-23-09 CENTROSOLAR Results

CENTROSOLAR Group AG reported 2008 results. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUCO738.htm>

CENTROSOLAR: <http://www.centrosolar.de/index.php?L=1>

<http://www.centrosolar.de/>

3-23-09 Enfinity Investment

Enfinity has secured a \$64 million investment from a European private equity company.

Press at: http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/03/16/daily82.html?ana=from_rss or

<http://tinyurl.com/ckxu35>

Enfinity: <http://www.enfinity.biz/>

3-23-09 Solar-Fabrik New PV Module Plant

Solar-Fabrik opened its new PV module plant in Freiburg. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA285.htm>

Solar-Fabrik: <http://www.solar-fabrik.com/index.php?id=27>

3-23-09 Motech Wafer Slicing Capacity Expansion

Motech Industries is expanding its capacity for polysilicon wafer slicing from an annual level equivalent to 100 MWp currently to 160 MWp, with expansion to be completed in mid-2009. Press at DigiTimes:

<http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090323PD200.html>

Motech: <http://www.motechind.com/>

3-23-09 Renewable Energy Corp Plant in Washington

According to this press, Renewable Energy Corp is sticking to a plan for starting up an expanded silicon plant at Moses Lake, Washington by the end of March. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cw8ay7>
REC: <http://www.recgroup.com/>

3-23-09 MicroScreen Solar Cell Printing Facility

MicroScreen has completed a new facility dedicated to the manufacture of screens for solar cell printing. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dbyet2>
MicroScreen: <http://www.microscreen.org/index.cfm/fa/screens>

3-23-09 DRI PV for Target Stores, Hawaii

DRI Energy has completed solar installations on Target's first two stores in Hawaii. Both the Honolulu West and Kapolei stores were outfitted with 143-kW DC systems fully integrated with the single ply roof system installed by DRI Commercial, the commercial roofing subsidiary of DRI Companies. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1441.htm>
DRI Energy: <http://www.dricommercial.com/Energy.aspx>

3-23-09 OPEL System, Connecticut

OPEL announced that its 131-kW combined rooftop solar panel and tracker system installation has gone live at the Linden Street School in Plainville, Connecticut. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Opel-Inc-Brightens-ccn-14701154.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cgose8>
OPEL: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

3-23-09 SolFocus Display of CPV for Governor Schwarzenegger

SolFocus announced that it showcased a display of its CPV technology to California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as part of his tour of the 2009 Green California Exposition. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d3wkp9>
SolFocus: <http://www.solfocus.com/en/index.php>
2009 Green California Exposition: <http://gov.ca.gov/photos/11775/> <http://www.green-technology.org/gcsummit/>

3-23-09 Solar Market in India

See the story "India – A Vast Market for American Solar PV Companies" at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cmck6>

3-23-09 PV Farm, India

Surana Telecom and Power Limited is planning to set up a 5-MW solar farm. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cu5f8x>
Surana: <http://www.surana.com/stpl/index.html>

3-23-09 Solar in Qatar

See the story "Qatar pushes ahead with solar plans" at the Gulf Times: <http://tinyurl.com/d6wjbl>

3-23-09 Gulf Solar Conference

Gulf Solar is set for 5-7 May in Dubai, UAE. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/aq942p>

3-23-09 3TIER Offices to Serve EU, Pacific Rim, India

3TIER(R) announced the expansion of its global operations with new offices in Germany, Australia, and India. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c4zbh8>
3TIER(R): <http://www.3tier.com/>

3-23-09 Arizona Solar Power Conference

"Building a Commercial Solar Power Industry in Arizona" is set for 26 March. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6j4k9>
Information at: <http://www.meetup.com/arizona-solar-power-society/calendar/9636305/>

3-23-09 Space Station Solar

Astronauts successfully unfurled the newly installed solar wings at the international space station. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d8oxaf> <http://tinyurl.com/c4unmb> <http://tinyurl.com/dcymbb> <http://tinyurl.com/dj5xfz>

3-24-09 First Solar 30-MW Power Plant for Tri-State, New Mexico

First Solar, Inc. has entered into a 25-year power purchase agreement with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., which calls for First Solar to engineer, procure and construct a 30-MW AC ground-mounted PV power plant in northeastern New Mexico. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dffq89> <http://tinyurl.com/dgsn33> http://www.kdbc.com/Global/story.asp?S=10060733&nav=menu608_2_3 or <http://tinyurl.com/dhblm2>
First Solar: <http://www.firstsolar.com/media>
Tri-State: <http://www.tristateqt.org/>

3-24-09 Funding for First Solar Expansion, Ohio

Perrysburg Township will receive a \$200,000 roadwork development grant in support of First Solar's planned expansion. More on the grant and expansion at: <http://www.toledoonthemove.com/news/story.aspx?id=277183>

3-24-09 Ascent Solar World Headquarters Opening, Colorado

Ascent Solar Technologies, Inc. is being joined by Colorado Governor Bill Ritter and local officials to cut the ribbon for the company's new world headquarters in Thornton, Colorado.
Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Ascent-Solar-Opens-World-bw-14724272.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c6hb9v> <http://cbs4denver.com/local/Ascent.Solar.power.2.966003.html>
Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>

3-24-09 ersol Solar Energy Capacity Expansion

At a groundbreaking ceremony in Arnstadt, Germany, the Bosch Group has begun the expansion of its solar production, setting up a new manufacturing facility for crystalline solar cells and modules. With the added investments, Bosch subsidiary ersol Solar Energy will nearly triple its present manufacturing capacity in the crystalline field to a nominal capacity of some 630 MWp.
Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUJA286.htm>
ersol: <http://www.ersol.de/> <http://www.ersol.de/en/home/>

3-24-09 Solar Panel Plant, Illinois

Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$2 million investment package to support Wanxiang America Corporation's plans to establish a high-tech solar panel manufacturing facility in Rockford. State, local and company officials are signing the final development deal for the project, with a groundbreaking later this year. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cl63eu> <http://www.kwqc.com/Global/story.asp?S=10057179> <http://tinyurl.com/cc4j52>

3-24-09 SunPower PV System for Water District

Rancho California Water District and SunPower Corp. announced the completion of a 1.1-MW PV system at the district's water treatment facility in Murrieta. In addition to designing and building the system, SunPower also financed it under a SunPower Access PPA.
Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c8gbkj>
SunPower: <http://www.sunpowercorp.com/>

3-24-09 Progress Energy Solar Milestone, Florida

Progress Energy's solar energy generation systems in Florida collectively reached 1 MW earlier this month. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/djfhoe> <http://tinyurl.com/dn5c2v>
Progress Energy: <http://www.progress-energy.com/>

3-24-09 PV for Recycling Company, Germany

Solaxis GmbH and Solardach GmbH collaborated on construction of an 837-kW solar power plant in the city of Moers near Duisburg, Germany on the roof of Riedel Recycling using First Solar modules and SolarMax central inverters. A German subsidiary of Swiss inverter manufacturer Sputnik Engineering provided technical support. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/de57wf>

3-24-09 Komax Equipment Sales

Komax reported on its equipment sales. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d7xhng>
Komax: <http://www.komaxgroup.com/home/company/press-releases.htm>

3-24-09 Reliability and Durability of CPV

As stated by CPV Today, reliability and durability are two main parameters that guarantee operational behavior, safety, and profitability in any CPV system. See "Defining the requirements of a technology which still is under development" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d4v7q5>

3-24-09 EPIA Market Figures [Marie Latour]

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association presented its global market analysis and projections for the next 5 years to its members at the 4th Market Potential and Production Capacity Workshop in Frankfurt on 20 March. Press at EPIA: <http://tinyurl.com/c3cr4s>
EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=29>
<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=359>

3-24-09 EPIA Leadership [Marie Latour]

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association celebrated its Annual General Meeting on 19 March and re-elected Dr. Winfried Hoffmann as President until 2010 and elected Anton Milner as Vice-President. Stephan Hansen entered the Board as Director. Press from EPIA: <http://tinyurl.com/dann6b>
<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=29>
<http://www.epia.org/index.php?id=359>

3-24-09 U.S. Solar Energy Trade Mission, India

To facilitate solar energy business with India, a consortium of 14 companies from the US is on a 3-city tour to promote trade. More on the Solar Energy Trade Mission in India at: <http://tinyurl.com/d73jqz>
<http://tinyurl.com/c5plwn> <http://newdelhi.usembassy.gov/pr032309a.html>

3-24-09 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Rolling RFP

To boost green power in order to reach 20% of the city's power resource mix by 2010 and 35% by 2020, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power issued a rolling request for proposals designed to seek renewable energy proposals on a continuous basis.
Press at: <http://www.ladwpnews.com/go/doc/1475/260266/>

3-24-09 Solar America Showcases 2009 Funding Opportunity First Quarter Application Deadline

The "Solar America Initiative (SAI) Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases 2009" upcoming Funding Opportunity application due date is 31 March. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/dagjn5>
Solar America Initiative:
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/market_transformation_program.html or <http://tinyurl.com/cu2uxc>
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/solar_america_showcases.html or <http://tinyurl.com/deuyyr>
http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/current_opportunities.html

3-24-09 Solar Investments

See the article "Good Energies' Hansen Is Seeking Solar Investments (Update 2)" at Bloomberg: http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=aavkny363_nE or <http://tinyurl.com/dcfz4o>

3-24-09 Wells Fargo Financing of PV

Wells Fargo & Company announced that it has financed 125 commercial-scale PV projects since fall 2007. The projects have 43 MW of installed capacity in 10 states. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c65nlj>

3-24-09 U.S. Government Assistance

According to this press at Greentech Media, now that the U.S. DOE has awarded the first renewable energy loan guarantee in the last four years, the eager anticipation has begun for other companies waiting for the government's help. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d74eo8>
Greentech Media: <http://www.greentechmedia.com/categories/category-solar.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/2g99ns>

3-24-09 ThinkGreen Forum, California

The ThinkGreen forum is taking place 24-26 March in San Francisco. Information at: <http://www.thinkequity.com/events/ThinkGreen/2009/>
Presenters: <http://tinyurl.com/d6cswr>
<http://tinyurl.com/dbhcan>

3-24-09 PV Cooperation

A Taiwan government-sponsored convention probing the possibility of cooperation between the local PV players and their counterparts in China is bringing together about 550 participants from Taiwan's PV-related companies and about 100 others from China. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090324PD200.html>

3-24-09 U.S. Energy R&D

See the story "Obama commits \$1.2 billion in energy R&D" at CNet News: http://news.cnet.com/8301-11128_3-10202041-54.html

3-24-09 ASES eNewsletter

The Sunbeam eNewsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the American Solar Energy Society. See more information at: http://www.ases.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=163&Itemid=16 or <http://tinyurl.com/d7ssfb>

3-24-09 Renewable Analytics Newsletters [Brad Meikle]

Information on Renewable Analytics LLC newsletters can be found at: <http://www.renewableanalytics.com/newsletters.cfm>
<http://www.renewableanalytics.com/>

In related solar news...

3-24-09 Solar Development, Nevada

See the story "Solar developers shoot to beat buzzer for cash" at the Las Vegas Sun: <http://tinyurl.com/cbceu7>

3-24-09 Siemens Energy Stake in Archimede Solar Energy

Germany's Siemens AG said that Siemens Energy is to acquire a 28% stake in Italian solar company Archimede Solar Energy S.p.A. and thus expand its competencies for solar thermal power plants.

Press at: <http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20090324-703071.html>

Siemens: <http://ww1.energy.siemens.com/energy/en/index.htm>
<http://tinyurl.com/c77frz>

Archimede Solar Energy: http://www.angelantoni.it/en/en_archimede_angelantoni.htm or <http://tinyurl.com/dbooyd>

3-25-09 Greek Parliament Thin-film Manufacturing Plant Subsidy

HelioSphera announced the approval of a subsidy application by the Greek Parliament. The subsidy amounts to 29.88 million Euros, and is a key component of HelioSphera's project finance structure.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA287.htm>

HelioSphera: <http://www.heliosphera.com/>

3-25-09 Solar Power, Inc. Results

Solar Power, Inc announced fourth quarter and year-end 2008 results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/coxgyy> and <http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2009/03/23/daily33.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/djtlhj>
Solar Power, Inc.: <http://www.solarpowerinc.net/>

3-25-09 Solarfun Power Holdings Results

Solarfun Power Holdings Co., Ltd. reported its unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended 31 December. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO426.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/c8nlh5>
Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.com.cn/>

3-25-09 China Sunergy PV Framework Agreement and Sales Contract

China Sunergy Co., Ltd. announced that it has entered into a 35-MW PV products framework agreement, and a 5-MW PV products sales contract under the framework agreement, with Global Service LTM LLC in Taiwan. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsASCO427.htm> and <http://tinyurl.com/c6mw68>
China Sunergy: <http://www.chinasunergy.com/>

3-25-09 Pacific Power Management Financing

Pacific Power Management LLC has agreements for up to \$330 million from a major Wall Street investment bank and a trust bank to finance new solar-power projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d22xhk>
Pacific Power Management: <http://www.pacpower.biz/>

3-25-09 OPEL Inc. European Subsidiary

OPEL International Inc. announced the formation of OPL Solar Europe, a fully owned subsidiary of OPEL Inc. headquartered in Brussels, Belgium. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c6kj6n>
OPEL: <http://www.opelinc.com/>

3-25-09 Solar in Colorado, Oregon

Northwest Parkway officials hope to begin building the first of 26 solar arrays along the 8-mile toll road that connects U.S. 36 and Colorado 128 with Interstate 25 at E-470. Some 5,000 solar panels will eventually power the parkway's lights, the machines to collect tolls and the highway's headquarters. Tech-Western will install the system. Press at: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_11981126
See also the March 2009 press on Oregon's solar highway at: <http://tinyurl.com/ddn4f2>
http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OIPP/inn_solarhighway.shtml

3-25-09 Advanced Solar Photonics Project Financing

Advanced Solar Photonics is seeking \$40 million in financing from investors for its previously announced 45-MW thin-film demo factory, SolarFab(TM). Press at:
http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/Press_first_solar_plant.html
http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/about_us.html

3-25-09 MicroSi PV Plans

According to this press, MicroSi, owned by Shin-Etsu Chemical of Japan, plans to enter the PV materials market in the near future. Press at PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/a/shin-etsu_microsi_to_enter_photovoltaics_materials_market/ or <http://tinyurl.com/chcgtw>
MicroSi: <http://www.microsi.com/>

3-25-09 Bidding for 10-MW Solar Power Plant, China

According to this press, the ongoing bidding for the 10-MW solar power plant in Dunhuang of Gansu Province, northwest China, is expected to prompt significant reduction of on-grid solar power prices. Press at: <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/3142113> or <http://tinyurl.com/ckytj5>

3-25-09 Hermann Scheer Honors [Robert Birkmire]

Hermann Scheer, a member of German Parliament, president of EUROSOLAR, and chairperson of the World Council for Renewable Energy, will receive the 2009 Karl Boer Solar Energy Medal of Merit during a ceremony to be held on 7 May at the University of Delaware. More on this honor at:

<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2009/mar/boeraward031709.html>

Dr. Hermann Scheer: <http://www.hermannscheer.de/en/>

3-25-09 Solar Leaders TV at PV Tech

Two additions to Solar Leaders TV are on line at PV Tech:

"Gerhard Rauter, Q-Cells COO, opens 3rd PV Fab Managers' Forum in Dresden, 2009", and "Deutsche Cell: Pushing solar cell manufacturing to the next level" at:

http://www.pv-tech.org/solar_leaders_video_clips/

3-25-09 Moser Baer Featured

RenewableEnergyWorld features Moser Baer in the article "Under an Indian Sun", reprinted from GlobalPost.com, at: <http://tinyurl.com/DCF9GJ>

Moser Baer: <http://www.moserbaer.com/>

3-25-09 Surface Treatment Boost to Solar Cell Efficiency

Using two different types of chemical etching to create features at both the micron and nanometer scales, researchers at Georgia Tech have developed a surface treatment that boosts the light absorption of silicon PV cells in two complementary ways. Press at:

<http://www.newswise.com/articles/view/550360/?sc=rssn> and

<http://tinyurl.com/c93vIa>

3-25-09 Boost in Power Output of Solyndra Panels

See the story "Solyndra Boosts Power Output" at Greentech Media: <http://tinyurl.com/cteg5a>

Solyndra: <http://solyndra.com/>

3-25-09 Konarka Article on Organic PV in Wire Format [Tracy Wemett]

Science Magazine has published the article "Solar Power Wires Based on Organic Photovoltaic Materials" authored by Konarka. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/corpcz>

Science: <http://www.sciencemag.org/>

3-25-09 Printed Electronics World Articles [Cara Van Heest, Chris Clare]

For the latest articles on PV from Printed Electronics World [registration required], go to:

<http://www.printedelectronicworld.com/topics/photovoltaics.asp>

Printed Electronics Europe 09 is set for 7-8 April in Dresden, Germany. Information at:

<http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/index.asp>

<http://www.idtechex.com/printedelectronicseurope09/en/>

3-25-09 Solar Cell from Reclaimed Silicon

Researchers from Swansea University's School of Engineering in collaboration with Pure Wafer International Limited have developed a solar cell made from reclaimed silicon. More at EE Times:

<http://tinyurl.com/df2zlh>

Swansea University: <http://www.swansea.ac.uk/engineering/>

Pure Wafer: <http://www.purewafer.com/contact.html>

3-25-09 EERE Network News

The latest issue of EERE Network News [Kevin Eber], with coverage of DOE's loan guarantee to

Solyndra, growth in solar, and other news is available at: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

3-25-09 SolarTech and CALSEIA Annual Summit [Fabienne Rodet]

SolarTech and CALSEIA announced their first collaborative event – the 1st Annual SolarTech / CALSEIA Summit to be held 7 May in San Jose, California. A welcome reception and industry dinner will precede

the event on the evening of 6 May. The ultimate goal of this event is to harness thought leadership to accelerate the adoption of solar, stimulating new markets and job growth in the solar industry.

Press at: <http://www.solartech.org/news/104-press-release>

Summit information: <http://www.calsolarsummit.org/>

SolarTech: <http://www.solartech.org/>

CALSEIA: <http://calseia.org/>

3-25-09 PV Manufacturing Webcast

Renewable Energy World's Webcast, "Photovoltaic Manufacturing – Present and Future", is set for 27 March. Information and registration at:

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/partner/rew/online/webcast/2009-03-25/> or

<http://tinyurl.com/d3r8u5>

3-25-09 Colorado Renewable Energy Society Events Calendar

For the latest calendar of events from the Colorado Renewable Energy Society, including information on the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference, 28-30 August in Golden, visit:

<http://www.cres-energy.org/events/>

Colorado Renewable Energy Conference: <http://www.cres-energy.org/events/conference/>

3-25-09 Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative

The Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative is highlighted in RenewableEnergyWorld's "Video: Hawaii – Transforming Energy in a Generation" at: <http://tinyurl.com/ch9vzv>

Hawaii-DOE Clean Energy Initiative: <http://hawaii.gov/dbedt/info/energy/hcei/>

3-25-09 Solar in San Francisco

See "San Francisco Sets \$20M - \$30M Goal for Berkeley-style Solar Loan Program" at Greentech Media:

<http://tinyurl.com/ctsumt>

3-25-09 Southern California Edison Solar Rooftop Project

According to Greentech Media, the California Public Utilities Commission is hearing a debate on whether Southern California Edison should be required to allow independent power producers to participate in a proposed 250-MW rooftop project. Story at: <http://tinyurl.com/d59vhb>

3-25-09 U.S. Stimulus Bill

Cautious optimism was the term being used across the renewable energy industry in the weeks following the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as industry leaders tried to understand exactly what the package could do. See more on impacts of the stimulus in the article "Stimulus Package Only the Beginning: Renewable Energy Makes Strides in the US Political Arena" at

RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/co6spn>

3-25-09 Green Bank Perspective

See "Green Bank Act praised by solar industry" at

PV Tech: http://www.pv-tech.org/news/_a/green_bank_act_praised_by_solar_industry/ or

<http://tinyurl.com/cobngw>

Fox Business: <http://tinyurl.com/cquyrm>

3-25-09 Solar Decathlon

Santa Clara University students have begun construction on their house for the 2009 Solar Decathlon.

Stories at: <http://www.kcbs.com/Santa-Clara-Students-Build-Solar-House/4077762> or

<http://tinyurl.com/cr6qey>

<http://kliv.com/SCU-BEGINS-WORK-ON-SOLAR-HOUSE/4076829>

Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

3-25-09 Low Carbon Buildings Programme Developments, UK

See developments in the Low Carbon Buildings Programme in the article at:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7962698.stm

In related solar news...

3-25-09 Infinia Corporation Featured

Infinia is featured in the article "Stirling-Engine Solar Firm Finds New Life in Recession-Stricken Detroit" at: <http://tinyurl.com/dbc2np>

Other press: <http://tinyurl.com/cw8ec8>

Infinia: <http://www.infiniacorp.com/main.php>

3-26-09 PV Crystalox Solar Plc Preliminary Results

PV Crystalox Solar plc and its subsidiaries announced preliminary results for the year to 31 December.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO908.htm> and

<http://www.rttnews.com/ArticleView.aspx?Id=893941&SMap=1>

or <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-GreenBusiness/idUSTRE52P1F220090326>

or <http://tinyurl.com/cenwv6>

PV Crystalox Solar: <http://www.pvcrystalox.com/>

3-26-09 Sunways Change of Plans

For the time being, Sunways AG will not continue to pursue the acquisition of a polysilicon production line. Sunways also terminated the development cooperation with Solarvalue AG started in late 2007.

Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsEUMA288.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/dj4rmy>

Sunways: <http://www.sunways.de/>

<http://www.sunways.de/en/>

3-26-09 Willard & Kelsey Solar Group Production, Ohio

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group LLC is featured in the article "Solar energy firm to start production" at the Toledo Blade: <http://tinyurl.com/dyy82t>

Additional press: <http://tinyurl.com/cb3xyr>

<http://tinyurl.com/crddab>

<http://tinyurl.com/c62art>

Willard & Kelsey Solar Group: <http://www.wksolargroup.com/index.php/about>

3-26-09 3S Industries Service & Technology Center

3S Industries AG's new Service & Technology Center was opened in Freiburg and offers a broad spectrum of services such as the pilot assembly and certification of modules and tailored training seminars. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c8k8t9>

3S Industries AG: <http://tinyurl.com/ca7rm8>

<http://www.3-s.ch/en/3s-homepage/>

3-26-09 Phoenix Solar Results [Anka Leiner]

The Supervisory Board of Phoenix Solar AG has adopted the consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2008. Press at Phoenix Solar: <http://www.phoenixsolar.com/InvestorRelations/>

3-26-09 Oerlikon Group Commentary

Oerlikon Group has provided commentary on its 2008 sales, revenue and overall outlook for 2009. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cobak9>

Oerlikon: <http://www.oerlikon.com/>

3-26-09 SCHOTT Solar Featured

SCHOTT Solar is featured in the Thin Film Today article "IN-DEPTH: Silicon based thin film technology has the right degree of maturity" at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdr6fd>

SCHOTT Solar: <http://www.us.schott.com/photovoltaic/english/index.html>

Thin Film Solar Summit Europe, 19-20 May, Berlin, Germany: <http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/>

<http://www.thinfilmtoday.com/eu/agenda.shtml>

3-26-09 More on Ascent Solar Technologies Production Facility [Brian Blackman]

Ascent Solar Technologies, which is 35% owned by Hydro, opened a new production facility and headquarters in Colorado on 24 March. Press from Hydro at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpdygj>
Interview with Ashu Misra, Ascent Solar: <http://www.techrockies.com/story/0020699.html>
Ascent Solar: <http://www.ascentsolar.com/index.php>
<http://www.ascentsolar.com/view.php?tg=press&id=83>
<http://www.ascentsolar.com/x.php?page=16>

3-26-09 SataPV Project

Luvata has joined forces with Satakunta University of Applied Science in Finland and others on the Satakunta Photovoltaic "SataPV" project, which is investigating solar-panel manufacture, development of PV knowledge, and ultimately the establishment of a PV facility to support training and testing. More on the project at: <http://tinyurl.com/ct5q2c>

3-26-09 Solaicx Honors

Solaicx was recently awarded the Progressive Manufacturing 100 Award. More on these honors at: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/story/solaicx-wins-progressive-manufacturing-award/> or <http://tinyurl.com/db5uwr>
Solaicx: <http://www.solaicx.com/>
Managing Automation, PM100: <http://tinyurl.com/c2hd8u>
<http://www.managingautomation.com/awards/winners.aspx>

3-26-09 Solectria Renewables Stainless Steel String Combiner Box

Solectria Renewables has released a stainless steel string combiner box. Press at: http://www.solarindustrymag.com/e107_plugins/content/content.php?content.2813 or <http://tinyurl.com/cqlhvb>
Solectria Renewables: <http://www.solren.com/>

3-26-09 Photovoltaics World

See new postings at Photovoltaics World, including "Intermolecular making a play for PV applications" at: <http://www.pvworld.com/index.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/ch8mwr>
Intermolecular: <http://www.intermolecular.com/>

3-26-09 More on EPIA PV Market Report

For more on the EPIA's global PV market report, see PV Tech at: <http://tinyurl.com/dxj6vh>
EDN: <http://www.edn.com/article/CA6646864.html>
EETimes: <http://tinyurl.com/ctzpcm>
Solar Industry: <http://tinyurl.com/dcwcrm>
EPIA: <http://www.epia.org/>

3-26-09 CPV Today Newsletter

The latest copy of the CPV Today Newsletter is on line at: http://www.cpvtoday.com/newsletters/cpvtoday_newsletter_733_2009-03-26.html or <http://tinyurl.com/dlrjcg>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy Focus

The March-April issue of Renewable Energy Focus is on line including coverage of Obama's renewables boost, PV manufacture, BIPV hotspots in the EU, and other news. Information at: <http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/magazine/information/index.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/akjbam>
Subscription: <http://tinyurl.com/d3kdmf>
<http://www.renewableenergyfocus.com/>

3-26-09 Interstate Renewable Energy Council State & Stakeholder Newsletter [Jane Pulaski]

The latest issue of IREC's State & Stakeholder Newsletter, with coverage of state/local headlines, the interview of the week (Solar America City/San Jose), current and best practices, grants/RFPs, events, and other news is on line at: <http://www.irecusa.org/index.php?id=11>

3-26-09 SEIA PV America Conference [Monique Hanis]

The Solar Energy Industries Association hosts PV America, a new conference and trade show, 8-10 June in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The event features keynote remarks from R. James Woolsey, solar advocate and former CIA director, and Rhone Resch, SEIA president and CEO. More than 4,000 industry attendees and 200 exhibitors are expected. The conference coincides with IEEE's PVSC show at the same location. Information and registration at: <http://www.pvamericaexpo.com>

SEIA: http://www.seia.org/cs/meetings_and_events

<http://www.seia.org/>

IEEE PVSC: <http://www.34pvsc.org/>

3-26-09 Nominations for Solar America Board for Codes and Standards Advisory Committee Members [Larry Sherwood]

The Solar America Board for Codes and Standards seeks nominations for its Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee provides critical recommendations to the Solar ABCs Steering Committee on all solar codes and standards issues, elects one member to the Steering Committee, and provides valuable support to the Solar ABCs Working Panels. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ceokuz>

Solar ABCs: <http://www.solarabcs.org/>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy Finance Forum

The 6th Renewable Energy Finance Forum Wall Street is set for 23-24 June in New York City.

Information at: <http://www.reffwallstreet.com/>

ACORE: <http://www.acore.org/front>

3-26-09 Solar Power Plant, Conference & Expo, Jordan

The European Commission and the National Energy Research Centre are exploring a pilot project in central Jordan to construct the Kingdom's first small-scale solar power plant. The initiative is one of a series of efforts to support renewable energy applications in the Kingdom, which will be highlighted in the upcoming Euro-Jordanian Renewable Energy Conference. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d59k25>

Euro-Jordanian Renewable Energy Conference & Expo, 1-2 April, Amman, Jordan: <http://www.ejrec.org/>

3-26-09 Renewable Energy in California

See the story "California's Renewable Energy Law Lives" by Tam Hunt, Community Environmental Council, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ctq2mr>

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=32>

3-26-09 Green Jobs

See the story "Local Green Jobs Rise as SF Solar and Energy Efficiency Programs Expand" by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom at: <http://tinyurl.com/dgqrjh>

3-26-09 California New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook Staff Workshop

The California Energy Commission notice of the staff workshop April 10 on proposed changes to the New Solar Homes Partnership Guidebook is posted at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/renewables/06-NSHP-1/notices/index.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/chmjfy>

3-26-09 Materials Markets for Thin-film Silicon PV

For press on NanoMarkets new report "Materials Markets for Thin-Film Silicon Photovoltaics" visit:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/New-NanoMarkets-Report-prnews-14750699.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/ckldvl>

3-26-09 Australia Solar PV Market Analysis

Research and Markets has announced the addition of GlobalData's report "Australia Solar Photovoltaic Market Analysis and Forecasts to 2013" to its offering. Press at:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Research-and-Markets-bw-14747883.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/csp8hs>
Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/17fcc5/australia_solar_ph or <http://tinyurl.com/cnoa5c>

In related solar news...

3-26-09 CSP Today Articles

There are several new postings at CSP Today, including coverage of more than 6 GW of utility-scale CSP plants in the pipeline in the US, at: <http://social.csptoday.com/node>

3-27-09 Suntech Pluto Technology

Suntech Power Holdings Co., Ltd. announced that it is routinely utilizing the Pluto technology to produce PV cells with conversion efficiencies of approximately 19% on mono-crystalline PV cells and 17% on multi-crystalline PV cells. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/NewsASPT45.htm> and <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Suntechs-Breakthrough-Pluto-prnews-14764033.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/crsu76>
Suntech Power: <http://www.suntech-power.com/>

3-27-09 Yingli Green Energy Potential New Credit Facilities

Yingli Green Energy Holding Company Limited announced that Baoding Yingli Group Company Limited, an affiliate of the Company, has entered into a strategic cooperation agreement with Hebei Branch of Bank of China. More at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Yingli-Green-Energy-Announces-prnews-14763359.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cyggrs>
Yingli: <http://www.yinglisolar.com/enmain/user/index.asp>

3-27-09 Toshiba and Sharp Talks, Solar Power Business

According to this press, Toshiba Corp and Sharp Corp said they are considering working together in the solar power business.

Press at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/rbssTechMediaTelecomNews/idINT36863920090327> or <http://tinyurl.com/cq6j4b>
<http://tinyurl.com/cjp7uh>
<http://tinyurl.com/cabtyf>

3-27-09 E-Ton Private Placement

E-Ton Solar Tech completed a private placement, and is planning another, according to press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090327PD201.html>
E-Ton: http://www.e-tonsolar.com/news_detail.asp?le=english&fid=11&pid=93

3-27-09 Webel-SL Second Factory, India

Webel-SL Energy Systems Ltd. said it is investing around 1.8 billion rupees to build a second factory in eastern India to manufacture PV cells. Press at: http://online.wsj.com/article/SB123814696763455793.html?mod=googlenews_wsj or <http://tinyurl.com/c68uz4>
<http://www.webelsolar.com/index1.htm>

3-27-09 SolarWorld Expansion, Report

SolarWorld AG said it plans to spend about 300 million Euros in 2009 as it expands production capacity in Germany and the U.S. Press at Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601072&sid=asmJ52bWWb0U> or <http://tinyurl.com/cn9dj2>
Additional press: http://www.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2009/03/23/daily44.html?ana=from_rss or <http://tinyurl.com/c3zyyb>
<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Solarworld-4Q-net-profit-apf-14757250.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c4xhzz>
SolarWorld: <http://www.solarworld.de/Press.30.0.html?&L=1>

3-27-09 Intinergy Solar Inc. Featured

Intinergy Solar Inc. is featured in the article "IN-DEPTH: Intinergy Solar gears up for public venture capital financing" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/ccb4bs>
Intinergy Solar Inc.: <http://www.intinergy.com/>

3-27-09 Solar Tracking Systems

See the story "IN-DEPTH: Justifying the expenditure related to complex tracking systems" at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d28gx7>

3-27-09 Sunrise Solar International Solar Project Portfolio

Sunrise Solar Corp. announced a progress update on its international solar project portfolio. Press at: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/Sunrise-Solar-Provides-Update-bw-14764275.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/cjs6nm>
Sunrise Solar: <http://www.sunrisesolarcorp.com/>

3-27-09 Singulus Technologies Report

Singulus Technologies met its own forecast for the business year 2008. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c92vrt>
Singulus: <http://www.singulus.de/en>

3-27-09 Turnkey Manufacturing

See "Turnkey manufacturing finally adjusting to solar industry needs" by Paula Mints, Navigant Consulting, at Photovoltaics World: <http://tinyurl.com/cvxnnl>

3-27-09 Puget Sound Utility Solar Express Program, Washington

Snohomish County Public Utility District launched its Solar Express program, which offers cash incentives and educational support to help consumers and businesses with installation of PV and solar hot water systems. Residential customers may also be eligible for low-interest loans to finance their systems. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAGO386.htm>
Public Utility District: <http://www.snopud.com/?p=4084>

3-27-09 New Solar Incentives in China

The Chinese government said it would provide new incentives for PV projects. Stories at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cgcp85>
Reuters: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKPEK446820090327>
Forbes: <http://www.forbes.com/2009/03/26/solar-china-subsidy-markets-equity-trina.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/d3rkjs>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/df3wno>

3-27-09 Taiwan and China Solar Standards

See the story "Taiwan and China agree on solar standards amid collaborative move" at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d9p7xo>

3-27-09 PV Market Contraction

The global PV market is set to contract for the first time in 2009, according to IMS Research. Press at DigiTimes: <http://www.digitimes.com/news/a20090327PR201.html>
PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cgoyoy>
IMS Research: <http://www.imsresearch.com/index.php>

3-27-09 Feed-in Tariffs in North America Web Conference

AltaTerra Research Network's Web Conference, "FITs and Starts?: What You Need to Know Now about Feed-in Tariffs in North America", is set for 23 April. Information and registration at: http://www.altaterra.net/events/event_details.asp?id=55665

3-27-09 DOE / SEPA Regional Utility Workshops [Thomas Kimbis]

As part of its Utility Technical Outreach award with the DOE Solar Program, SEPA is hosting its first in a series of regional workshops on "Solar Options for Low Cost Utilities" on 13-14 April in Solar America City Knoxville, Tennessee. Information and registration at: <http://www.solarelectricpower.org/?page=miscinfo>
<http://www.solarelectricpower.org/index.php?page=sepaevents>

Knoxville, TN: <http://www.solamericacities.energy.gov/Cities.aspx?City=Knoxville> or
<http://tinyurl.com/dcdx35>

The second workshop is tentatively scheduled for 30 June in New York City.

3-27-09 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

See information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program at:

<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/>

Recovery.gov: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=node/284>

3-27-09 German American Energy Conference

The 1st German American Energy Conference will be held from 30 March to 2 April in Berlin to discuss the prospects of expanding the transatlantic sustainable energy partnership. Press at:

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/1st-German-American-Energy-prnews-14764798.html> or

<http://tinyurl.com/c5n8r3>

In related solar news...

3-27-09 CSP Plant in Florida

Lauren Engineers & Constructors has signed on with Florida Power & Light Company as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for a 75-MW CSP plant located near Indiantown, Florida. The project, called Martin Next Generation Solar Energy Center, will be located on 500 acres of land adjacent to FPL's Martin Plant. Story at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/ctmqj2>

Lauren Engineers & Constructors: <http://www.laurenec.com/>

3-30-09 aleo solar Figures for 2008

aleo solar AG published its 2008 annual report, confirming the preliminary figures announced earlier.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ckonjs>

aleo solar: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/c7f4ae>

3-30-09 Roth & Rau Report

Roth & Rau published its figures for the fiscal year 2008.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dxas29> <http://tinyurl.com/dhyggv>

3-30-09 Conergy Postponing Financial Statement

Conergy AG is postponing the announcement of its end of year financial statement due to ongoing negotiations. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cdjz9n>

3-30-09 Prism Solar Technologies Manufacturing Facility, New York [Jessica Barry]

Prism Solar Technologies, Inc. announced the acquisition of a new manufacturing site in upstate New York. The facility will ultimately produce 60 MW of solar modules for domestic markets, and 1000 MW of HPC film for sale to other solar module manufacturers. Press at: <http://www.prismsolar.com/news.html>
<http://tinyurl.com/cjw3q2>

3-30-09 REC ASA Production at Polysilicon Plant, Moses Lake, Washington

Renewable Energy Corp. ASA said its plant in Moses Lake, Washington has started production. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAMA162.htm>

Bloomberg: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601130&sid=aCiCHinwAhvc> or

<http://tinyurl.com/c3yqaa>

REC ASA Press: <http://tinyurl.com/d938bz>

3-30-09 China National Building Material Group Solar Base Groundbreaking

China National Building Material Group broke ground on a solar base in Bangbu, Anhui province. The company started construction of an amorphous TCO glass production line and a 112-MW amorphous cell production line. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/crcj6z>
CNBM: <http://www.cnbm.com.cn/english/index.asp>

3-30-09 Everbrite Solar Thin-film PV Module Plant

Everbrite Solar has chosen Kingston, Ontario, as the site for its new amorphous/microcrystalline-silicon thin-film PV manufacturing facility. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/c6rfyh>
Everbrite Solar: <http://everbritesolar.com/>

3-30-09 Sol3g System Efficiency Evaluation

Sol3g reported its first efficiency evaluation of its HCPV systems using triple junction cells installed at the Flix solar plant. Results have been achieved for some S4000 systems, whose efficiency in field operative conditions nearly matches the modules efficiency measured in the laboratory, reaching 22.84%. More in the press at: http://www.sol3g.com/downloads/pdf/sol3g_press_note_efficiency_flix_eng.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/cravth>
Sol3g: <http://www.sol3g.com/>

3-30-09 Jersey Central Power & Light Solar Energy Plan, New Jersey

Jersey Central Power & Light's proposal to help increase the pace of solar energy project development in the state has been approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. The JCP&L program will establish long-term agreements to purchase and sell Solar Renewable Energy Certificates to provide a stable basis for financing solar generation projects in the company's service area. JCP&L expects the plan to support the phase-in of about 42 MW of solar generating capacity over the next 3 years. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/csm7w>
JCP&L: https://www.firstenergycorp.com/JCP_L/index.html

3-30-09 Entech Solar Change in Strategic Direction

Entech Solar announced that it has suspended its manufacturing operations for its current generation of concentrating solar systems to enable the company to focus all of its resources on the rapid development and commercialization of its next generation products.
More at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7yhcd> <http://tinyurl.com/dftagb>
Entech Solar: <http://www.entsolar.com/>

3-30-09 Bharat Electronics JV with BHEL

Bharat Electronics Ltd said it has signed an agreement with Bharat Heavy Electricals to jointly set up a company for the PV cell business.
Press at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/businessNews/idINIndia-38783320090330> or <http://tinyurl.com/d2lral>
Bharat Electronics: <http://www.bel-india.com/>
Bharat Heavy Electricals: <http://www.bhel.com/home.php>

3-30-09 New President and CEO of REC ASA

Ole Enger is the new President and CEO of REC ASA. Press at Solarbuzz: <http://www.solarbuzz.com/news/newsEU0741.htm>
REC ASA: <http://tinyurl.com/ctydr>

3-30-09 CPV in Spain

See the story "Spain sets the benchmark for the concentrated photovoltaic industry worldwide (CPV)" at CVP Today: <http://tinyurl.com/c9npbe>

3-30-09 Jetion UL Certification

Jetion Holdings Limited announced that its Chinese subsidiary, Jiangyin Jetion Science and Technology Co. Ltd., has been awarded UL certification in the US and Canada. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/devd6h>
Jetion: http://www.jetion.com.cn/htm/en/investors/press_n_rns.html

3-30-09 Dow Corning Proposal for Solar Research Center

According to this press, Dow Corning Corp. has presented a draft proposal to the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to make a business case for a facility called the American Solar Power Innovation and Research Enterprise, ASPIRE. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dcqrgm>

3-30-09 Sustainable Energy Technologies Prototyping and Testing

Sustainable Energy Technologies Ltd. announced that it has completed production prototyping and internal CE certification testing for its second generation Sunergy(TM) inverter, and it has submitted two product platforms to the Canadian Standards Agency for North American UL 1741 certification.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dk6t5l>

Sustainable Energy Technologies: <http://www.sustainableenergy.com/>

3-30-09 The Linde Group Contract for Gas Supply to Masdar PV Plant

The Linde Group has been awarded a long-term contract to supply all the gases for next-generation thin-film PV module production at Masdar's manufacturing site in Erfurt, Germany.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/ccmmec>

The Linde Group: <http://www.linde.com/international/web/linde/like35lindecom.nsf/docbyalias/homepage> or <http://tinyurl.com/y9mzl9>

3-30-09 DuPont Research Presentation

DuPont Microcircuit Materials, part of DuPont Electronic Technologies, will be presenting new research findings on "Advanced Screen Printable Thin Film Photovoltaic Front-Side Silver Conductor Compositions" at the IDTechEx Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon Europe Conference and Exhibition. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c9kxqr>

DuPont Microcircuit Materials: http://www2.dupont.com/MCM/en_US/

Photovoltaics Beyond Conventional Silicon Europe 09, 7-8 April, Dresden Germany:

<http://www.idtechex.com/photovoltaicseurope09/en/>

3-30-09 Solar America Cities Meeting

The U.S. Department of Energy announced the commencement of the 2nd Annual Solar America Cities Meeting, which is being held in San Antonio, Texas, one of DOE's 25 Solar America Cities. Press at

EERE News: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=155

Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/>

3-30-09 APS Renewables RFP

Arizona Public Service announced a Request for Proposal for energy generated from small renewable projects. Press at: http://www.aps.com/main/news/releases/release_515.html

<http://www.aps.com/aps/rfp/default.html>

3-30-09 RFP for PV Systems, Portland, Oregon

The City of Portland, Oregon is seeking a contractor to develop the concept, interim and final design/engineering, specifications, financing, construction, materials, installation, operation, and maintenance of a turnkey, hosted PV system at numerous City sites over the course of a multi-year Solar Master City Agreement. Information at: <http://tinyurl.com/c6m5l>

3-30-09 White House Nomination for DOE-EERE and Science Posts

President Obama is nominating Cathy Zoi, CEO of the Alliance for Climate Protection, as Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy.

Press at: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/environmentNews/idUKTRE52Q6MW20090327> or

<http://tinyurl.com/dgmjdb>

Alliance for Climate Protection, Zoi: <http://www.climateprotect.org/about/staff>

White House Press: <http://tinyurl.com/ccje2>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7153.htm>

The White House is also nominating BP Chief Scientist Steven Koonin to be Under Secretary of Science.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cyqb3b>

White House Press: <http://tinyurl.com/c4kdrq>

DOE Press: <http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7080.htm>

3-30-09 Municipal Solar Finance

See the story "Recovery and Reinvestment Act Boosts Municipal Solar Finance" by Cisco DeVries, Renewable Funding LLC, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/dn44nr>
Renewable Funding: <http://www.renewfund.com/>

3-30-09 RPS in the US

See the story "A U.S. Federal Renewable Portfolio Standard: Potentials and Pitfalls" by Jeff Postelwait, Power Engineering, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cofc7o>

3-30-09 Dye-sensitized Solar Cell Conference

The 3rd International Conference on the Industrialisation of DSC is set for 22-24 April in Nara Japan. Information and registration at: <http://www.dsc-ic.com/>

3-30-09 Solar Training Event

The American Solar Energy Society and Conergy are offering the 2009 SOLAR SUCCESS!(TM) Training Event on 11-14 May in Buffalo, New York. Information at RenewableEnergyWorld:

<http://tinyurl.com/day7fg> <http://tinyurl.com/c3j4vp> <http://www.solar-success.org/>
http://www.conergy.us/PortalData/3/Resources/events/SS09_Schedule.pdf or <http://tinyurl.com/cbqdo8>

ASES: <http://www.ases.org/>

Conergy: <http://www.conergy.us/desktopdefault.aspx>

3-30-09 U.S. Solar Power Market Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of "U.S. Solar Power Market Report – 3rd Edition" to its offering. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/c7kdaw>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/e0e5af/u_s_solar_power_m or <http://tinyurl.com/dfsh5g>

3-31-09 iTi Solar Digital Inkjet System for Solarcoating Machinery GmbH

iTi Solar announced it has been selected by Solarcoating Machinery GmbH to provide the first digital inkjet system for its integrated roll-to-roll solar cell manufacturing production line.

Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cxp77b>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/db27wt>

iTi Solar: <http://www.itisolar.com/>

Solarcoating Machinery GmbH: <http://www.solarcoating.de/>

3-31-09 China Solar Photovoltaic SA Plans

According to this press, China Solar Photovoltaic SA plans another share offering this year to fund expansion. Press at Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/GCA-GreenBusiness/idUSTRE52U11620090331> or <http://tinyurl.com/dl6vmy>

CNPV Power: <http://en.cnpv-power.com/>

3-31-09 centrotherm photovoltaics Report

centrotherm photovoltaics reported on results and expectations. Press at PV Tech:

<http://tinyurl.com/dzgmru>

centrotherm photovoltaics: <http://tinyurl.com/cptk26>

<http://www.centrotherm-pv.com/en/home/home.html>

3-31-09 Infrastructure Completed for Silicon Border

The high-technology science park in Baja California, Mexico, Silicon Border, has finished the infrastructure needed for the beginning of its manufacturing development meant for green technology companies. Press at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/cxchvm>

Silicon Border: <http://www.siliconborder.com/>

3-31-09 PV Systems at Arizona State University

Arizona State University dedicated 5 new solar installations, which collectively add to 1.88 MW, receiving financial incentives through APS' Renewable Energy Incentive Program. Story at:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1448.htm>

PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/ctejuwk>

APS: http://www.aps.com/main/green/choice/choice_2.html

3-31-09 PV System, Massachusetts

The MathWorks(TM) announced the installation of a 139.08-kW PV system installed by Alteris Renewables and partially funded through the Commonwealth Solar rebate program. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1450.htm>

Alteris Renewables: <http://www.alterisinc.com/index.php>

Commonwealth Solar: <http://www.masstech.org/SOLAR/>

Renewable Energy Trust: <http://www.masstech.org/renewableenergy/index.html>

The MathWorks(TM): <http://www.mathworks.com/>

3-31-09 Solyndra System Operational in Livermore, California

Solyndra Inc. announced the completion and full operation of a 132-kWp system by SPG Solar, Inc. on the rooftop of Cinema West's Livermore Cinemas in Livermore, California. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/cf9ky5>

Solyndra: <http://www.solyndra.com/>

SPG Solar: <http://www.spgsolar.com/>

3-31-09 Akeena Solar Supplier Relationship with MS Solar Solutions

Akeena Solar will be the exclusive solar panel supplier for two years to MS Solar Solutions Corp, a subsidiary of Morgan Stanley's Commodities group, for projects resulting from MSSS' efforts to outfit low-income households nationwide with Akeena's proprietary Andalay AC solar panels. MSSS will also have the option to purchase Andalay AC panels for their sales to large tract homebuilders. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNACO910.htm>

Akeena: <http://www.akeena.com/cm/Home.html>

3-31-09 ICP Solar Technologies Business Update

ICP Solar Technologies Inc. provided its business update. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpcq3g>

ICP Solar: <http://www.icpsolar.com/>

3-31-09 SMA Solar Technology Results

SMA Solar Technology reported results. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cl325j>

<http://tinyurl.com/d8u3w8>

SMA: <http://www.sma.de/en.html>

3-31-09 Hoku and Solarfun Polysilicon Supply Contract Amendment

Hoku Materials, Inc. and Solarfun Power Hong Kong Limited announced that they have amended their polysilicon supply contract. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/db33xw>

Hoku: <http://www.hokucorp.com/>

Solarfun: <http://www.solarfun.com.cn/>

3-31-09 aleo solar in Greece

aleo solar has decided to establish a sales office in Athens, Greece. Press at PV Tech:

<http://tinyurl.com/c842me>

aleo: <http://www.aleo-solar.de/en/aleo-solar-download-the-sun.html> or <http://tinyurl.com/yv25yp>

3-31-09 Castaic Lake Water Agency RFP for Solar Feasibility

The Castaic Lake Water Agency is requesting proposals for producing a feasibility study for the generation of solar power at its Devil's Den property located in Kings and Kern Counties, California. Press at Solarbuzz:

<http://www.solarbuzz.com/News/NewsNAPR1449.htm>

CLWA: <http://www.clwa.org/about/about.cfm>

3-31-09 PV Tracking Applications

See the story "PV Tracking Applications Gather Momentum" at RenewableEnergyWorld:
<http://tinyurl.com/cosq6u>

3-31-09 Validating CPV Potential

According to this press, ISFOC believes that the way to prove the reliability, productivity and cost capabilities of CPV is through smaller scale demonstration projects. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/d2brre>
ISFOC: <http://www.isfoc.es/>

3-31-09 Solar America City San Antonio, Texas

Mayor Hardberger announced that the city of San Antonio has been designated as a U.S. DOE Solar America City. The announcement is formally being made at the DOE's second annual Solar America Cities meeting being hosted in San Antonio 31 March through 2 April. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cpfuhr>
Solar America Cities: <http://www.solaramericacities.energy.gov/>

3-31-09 GE Solar Developments

See developments at GE Solar at PV Tech: <http://tinyurl.com/d4xcp8>

3-31-09 Team California Solar Decathlon House

Team California has begun construction on their 2009 Solar Decathlon house. On 3 April, the team will present their plans to the public. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/cg587e>
Solar Decathlon: <http://www.solardecathlon.org/>

3-31-09 Solar R&D Funds for University of Oregon and Oregon State University

The University of Oregon and Oregon State University are receiving \$1.34 million for solar energy R&D as part of ongoing efforts to develop Oregon as a national center for solar energy manufacturing. Press at: <http://www.registerguard.com/csp/cms/sites/web/business/10843305-41/story.csp> or <http://tinyurl.com/d5zm4w>

3-31-09 Wind and Solar Energy Resource Information

3TIER(R) announced that its FirstLook(R) Prospecting tool has more than 25,000 registered users who regularly access the Web site for wind and solar energy resource information. Press at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/cs4xpp>
FirstLook(R): <http://firstlook.3tier.com/>

3-31-09 Clean Energy Stimulus

See "Getting Serious About Clean-Energy Stimulus" by Ron Pernick, Clean Edge, covering where do we go from here, and what it will take to keep clean energy on its growth track, at RenewableEnergyWorld: <http://tinyurl.com/c3a5ck>
Clean Energy Trends 2009: <http://www.cleandedge.com/reports/reports-trends2009.php>
Ron Pernick: <http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/author?id=13>
<http://www.cleandedge.com/>

3-31-09 Japanese Stimulus Package

The Japanese government is set to map out its third fiscal stimulus package, including expanding the scheme of electric power companies buying electricity generated by solar panels at individual houses and other buildings and setting up solar power generators in about 37,000 schools. Press at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/usDollarRpt/idUST10983220090330?sp=true> or <http://tinyurl.com/cmghwh>

3-31-09 Solar in Israel

Israel's Aora Solar Energy Company is ready to begin producing cleantech energy at its power station at Kibbutz Samar in the Arava Valley. Press at: <http://cleantechbrief.com/node/362>
<http://greenprophet.com/2009/03/30/7915/aora-solar-energy/>
Aora Solar Energy: <http://www.aora-solar.com/len/apage/39940.php>

3-31-09 Green Cross International Report

Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, founder of Green Cross International, is promoting solar as the "best hope" of delivering electricity to the poor and helping the environment. Press at:

<http://tinyurl.com/chkcowy>

Green Cross International press and report: <http://tinyurl.com/ddoe2s>

3-31-09 More on Solar Plant in Jordan

The European Commission is planning to fund a 5-MW solar plant in Jordan that will double as a renewable-energy research facility. Press at: <http://tinyurl.com/dm9ltx>

3-31-09 CPV Summit

The Castilla la Mancha Government's Vice President and Economy Advisor will inaugurate the second edition of CPV Today's Concentrated Photovoltaic Summit to be held in Toledo, Spain. Press at CPV Today: <http://tinyurl.com/d9vr3b>

2nd Concentrated Photovoltaic Summit, 28-29 April: <http://www.cpvtoday.com/eu09/>

3-31-09 Solar Carport

See coverage of Romag's solar carport at Wired: <http://blog.wired.com/cars/2009/03/solar-carport-g.html>

Romag: <http://tinyurl.com/dfc62z>

Previous press: http://www.romag.co.uk/files/romag_launches_pv_initiatives.pdf

<http://californiasolarinstallation.com/archives/3441>

3-31-09 Solar-ready Systems [Paul Savage]

Nextek Power Systems, Inc. announced the acquisition of RCH Fanworks as part of their strategy to deliver key elements customers need to build renewable-ready DC-powered networks using DC-devices and matched Direct Coupling(R) power supplies. Press from Nextek:

<http://tinyurl.com/d2z3ga>

Nextek Power Systems: <http://www.nextekpower.com/>

3-31-09 Japan PV Market, Report

Research and Markets announced the addition of GlobalData's report, "Japan Solar Photovoltaic Market Analysis and Forecasts to 2013", to its offering. Press at:

<http://www.mbtmag.com/articleXml/LN948912673.html>

Research and Markets: http://www.researchandmarkets.com/research/d907fd/japan_solar_photov or

<http://tinyurl.com/c9s6rc>

In related solar news...

3-31-09 IPIC Stake in MAN Ferrostaal

Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Company has become the new majority owner of MAN Ferrostaal. Press at CSP Today: <http://social.csptoday.com/content/ipic-finalises-70-stake-man-ferrostaal>

or <http://tinyurl.com/ck5mkf>

IPIC: <http://www.ipic.ae/>

MAN: <http://www.manferrostaal.com/Homepage.21.0.html>

3-31-09 BrightSource Energy Plans

See "BrightSource still has solar plans for Mormon Mesa" at:

<http://www.thespectrum.com/article/20090331/DVTONLINE01/90330029> or <http://tinyurl.com/c9eo2y>

BrightSource Energy: <http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/>

3-31-09 CSP Storage

See "IN-DEPTH: Addressing the loopholes in the current approach towards CSP storage" at CSP Today:

<http://tinyurl.com/dz6lme>