

NCPV Hotline – July 2011
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July 1, 2011

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Starwood Energy financing of final 10 MW of 60 MW PV project in Ontario

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S.A.G. Solarstrom financing commitment and 36 MW module order with Trina Solar for 48 MWp project in Serenissima, Italy

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Boralex's 4.5 MW solar park in France

http://www.pv-tech.org/news/boralex_complete_4.5mw_solar_farm_in_france
<http://www.boralex.com/>

Advanced Solar Photonics beginning installation of modules at the 1.1 MW Eagle Springs Solar Farm in Colorado

<http://www.newenergyworldnetwork.com/renewable-energy-news/by-technology/solar/advanced-solar-photonics-begins-solar-module-installation-at-eagle-springs-site.html> or
<http://tinyurl.com/3drbk1z>
<http://www.advancedsolarphotonics.com/>

SUSI Partners acquisition of 3 MW PV plant in Belgium with Sharp modules and SMA inverters

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<http://www.susi-partners.ch/about>
<http://sharp-solar.com/>

Intersolar videos at PV-Tech

http://www.pv-tech.org/videos/intersolar_europe_2011_the_worlds_largest_exhibition_for_the_solar_industry
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U.S. solar market stats

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PV module supply glut

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2011/06/the-pv-module-supply-glut>

BIPV channel problems

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/blog/post/2011/06/channel-problems-keep-bipv-out-of-the-money>

More on GTM Research's solar BOS report

<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/solar-pv-balance-of-system-costs-to-surpass-modules-by-2012-according-to-gt/>
http://www.solarnovus.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3117:solar-pv-bos-costs-to-surpass-pv-module-costs-by-2012&catid=37:business-news&Itemid=241 or
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Polysilicon demand growth

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Global and China CPV solar industry report

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<http://www.jasolar.com/>

Suntech Power and MEMC termination of a solar wafer supply agreement

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Solar in Germany

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International PV Quality Assurance Forum

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http://www.nrel.gov/ce/ipvmqa_forum/about.cfm

The Interstate Renewable Energy Council July report

<http://irecusa.org/2011/02/the-irec-report-feb-2011/>

DOE EERE Rooftop Solar Challenge

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/solarchallenge/>

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<https://solarhighpen.energy.gov/>

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In related solar news...

CPV Today new postings

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Cenergy Power 1.7 MW of solar power for Setton Pistachio in California

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Scheuten Solar's 20 MW of PV projects

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Positive Energy's EPC contract for EDF's 1.1 MW solar park in Greece

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JinkoSolar 25 MW of modules for Solairedirect projects

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Pyron Solar CPV technology results

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Georgia Power seeking PV generation source

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Power-One 2 MW of inverters for Solar Topps

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<http://www.solarpowerportal.co.uk/>

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<http://www.pv-tech.org/blogs/list>

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<http://www.solarplaza.com/event/the-solar-future-italy>

Crystalline Silicon Solar Cells & Modules workshop

<http://www.siliconworkshop.com/>

Access to Mercom Capital's solar market intelligence reports

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Access to the EuPD Research's corporate newsletter

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<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/enn.cfm>

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