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Law Firm Installs One of Phoenix's Largest Commercial PV Systems

(Phoenix, AZ) - The future of solar energy in the "Valley of the Sun" is a little brighter today thanks to the efforts of Richard Taylor, Principal of Taylor & Associates, PLLC, Injury and Disability Attorneys. Mr. Taylor and his firm are celebrating the start-up of one of the Valley's largest business-owned, grid-connected photovoltaic (PV) system – a 60 kW solar electric system on the firm's office building in Central Phoenix.

Taylor and Associates, which gained notoriety for adopting stray cats and allowing them to live in their offices, will use the system's output to power loads within the building first and will sell back excess solar electricity to APS when it is available.

"We have been interested in solar energy for several years, but recent international events brought the question of our dependence on environmentally-harmful, expensive and non-renewable energy sources squarely into focus, and we decided it was time to make a commitment," says Richard Taylor.

"The world's energy needs cannot rest on oil (non-renewable) and coal (polluting) when an inexhaustible, non-polluting source (the sun) is available," continues Taylor. "With the financial cooperation of APS, our initial investment will pay off over the next 5-6 years, which provides us with a long-term economic benefit as well as the satisfaction of benefiting our environment.

"Hopefully our installations in this building and in my recently-converted Central Phoenix home will encourage others and help lead us to a cleaner, sustainable energy future for our children, and our world," commented Richard Taylor.

The system, located on a property served by Arizona Public Service (APS) Company, is expected to generate 110,000 kilowatt-hours annually, enough energy to run 10 average-size Arizona homes for a year.

"By producing their own source of domestic, clean, renewable energy, Taylor & Associates will not only lower their electric bill but also help Arizona meet its growing demand for electricity," said Barbara Lockwood, APS' manager of renewable energy.

APS facilitates the installation of solar systems through its Solar Partners Incentive Program which provides partial funding for the installation. In return, APS receives the Renewable Energy Credits generated by the system. The APS program is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission and funded by APS customers.

“I would like to commend Taylor and Associates for putting this system on their office building and once again congratulate American Solar Electric on another successful solar project,” said Arizona Corporation Commissioner Kris Mayes. “This is another project that is part of the Commission’s Environmental Portfolio Standard program. I am confident that projects like this will continue to establish a strong, viable marketplace for solar energy for years to come in Arizona.”

The system, consisting of 288 SunPower SPR-215 photovoltaic modules, was designed and constructed by American Solar Electric of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Sean Seitz, President of American Solar Electric, commented on the architectural integration of the system: “The aesthetics of the ‘all-black’ photovoltaic array complement the architecture of this building extremely well. This project sets the bar for aesthetics and efficiency.”

Seitz continued, “We are very excited to provide SunPower’s high-efficiency modules to Mr. Taylor and our other Arizona customers. Systems we have installed with SunPower modules are delivering performance beyond our expectations. This system will serve Taylor & Associates well for decades to come.”

Taylor & Associates, P.L.L.C. originated in 1975 and has grown over the years to represent our clients with caring and experienced attorneys and staff. Our attorneys boast 30 years of experience, certified Workers’ Compensation specialists and former Judges. Several have been recognized in Best Lawyers in Phoenix and Best Lawyers in America. Over the years, our caring has extended to the many abandoned cats that have become part of our family. When you are in our offices, you will probably meet several of our feline friends in our reception areas.

Arizona Public Service Co. is Arizona’s largest and longest-serving electric utility and serves more than 1 million customers in 11 of the state’s 15 counties. With headquarters in Phoenix, APS is the largest subsidiary of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation (NYSE:PNW).

American Solar Electric, Inc. is a Scottsdale-based design-build firm specializing in photovoltaic (solar electric) power systems for commercial, industrial and residential applications. The company offers complete design services and is licensed, bonded and insured for both commercial and residential electrical contracting in the State of Arizona (AZ ROC License #168657).

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