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2009 40 Under 40 Award Given to American Solar Electric Engineer By Consulting-Specifying Engineer Magazine

Scottsdale, AZ, May 18, 2009 – Vice-President and Manager of Engineering at American Solar Electric, Mark Skidmore was honored as Consulting-Specifying Engineer magazine announced the 2009 recipients of the 40 Under 40 award. This award is given to 40 building industry engineers under the age of 40 who stand out in their academic, professional, personal, and community achievements.

Candidates were nominated by a professional colleague, and were judged based on commitment to excellence in a variety of areas. The May Specifiers Guide of *Consulting-Specifying Engineer* magazine profiles each young professional, highlighting circumstances that lead them to success, and highlights recent professional projects and personal achievements.

“Our 40 Under 40 honorees excel in various areas of the building and construction industry: mechanical, electrical, or plumbing (MEP) engineering or associated professions,” said Michael Ivanovich, editor-in-chief, Consulting-Specifying Engineer. “These leaders really stand out in their profession while also achieving work-life balance and serving their communities. These 40 winners are the mentors of the future and are inspirational role models for young engineers and building professionals.”

Arizona State University graduate in Mechanical Engineering, Mark Skidmore is pleased to have been recognized. Working in the solar industry is something Skidmore's college professors told him was totally unattainable and would never become a reality in his lifetime. “People just assume solar is too expensive, because that's what we're taught,” said Skidmore, who manages 10 people at American Solar Electric. Instead, Skidmore has made it his personal mission to change that philosophy. He installed 12 solar panels on his roof in Scottsdale, which saves him approximately \$400 a year. He served as a project manager for Frito-Lay's installation of 200 kW solar panels on its 120,000-sq-ft distribution plant in Phoenix. Additionally as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, Skidmore helped install panels on five homes. “There is nothing like giving your time to someone,” he said.

For additional information about the program, visit www.csemag.com/40under40.

American Solar Electric, Inc. is an Arizona-based design-build firm specializing in photovoltaic (solar electric) power systems for commercial, industrial, and residential applications. Headquartered in Scottsdale, the company is responsible for the installation of more than 5 megawatts of photovoltaic power in Arizona, statewide. American Solar Electric's approach includes system design, permitting, procurement, installation, interconnection, and commissioning. Additional information on the company's products and services is available on-line at <http://www.americanpv.com>.

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