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High School Senior's Solar Grant Creates Bright Future for School

Phoenix Country Day School is the First in the Valley to Receive a Grant for the Installation of Solar Panels

Scottsdale, Ariz. and Paradise Valley, Ariz. – March 4, 2009 – American Solar Electric, Inc., an Arizona-based design-build firm specializing in solar-electric power systems, and Phoenix Country Day School announced that the school has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from Salt River Project (SRP) for the installation of twenty rooftop solar panels. American Solar Electric installed the system on the roof of one of the school's maintenance buildings that will be used to charge a fleet of electric vehicles.

Phoenix Country Day School senior Michael Silverman and faculty member Chris Eriksen are part of the school's "Green Team" which spearheaded the sustainability initiative that successfully secured a \$5,000 grant from SRP. Silverman, who launched the "Green Team" at PCDS, was responsible for writing the grant proposal. The group obtained additional monies from Phoenix Country Day School and the American Solar Energy Society to cover the remaining costs of the project. Phoenix Country Day School is the first school in the valley to receive a grant for a solar-electric power system.

"Our new solar-electric power system reduces our energy costs and carbon footprint, and best of all, it helps us bring clean, renewable energy technology right to the classroom," commented "Green Team" Coordinator Chris Eriksen of Phoenix Country Day School.

"This project is a great opportunity for young people to learn about and take part in the production of clean energy. It's a real world lesson that will teach future generations that local energy can be generated without compromising our environment," said Sean Seitz, President of American Solar Electric. "We are pleased to partner with Phoenix Country Day School in this environmental and educational initiative."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 2:30pm on March 10th at Phoenix Country Day School's campus located at 3901 E. Stanford Drive, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253.

With the recent signing of the economic stimulus bill by President Obama, the Phoenix Country Day School solar project is expected to be the first of many solar initiatives for schools this year. The bill appropriates \$53.6 billion to a state fiscal stabilization fund and specifies that states shall use 18.2% of this money for public safety and other government services, including the renovation of facilities and schools to meet green building standards. Additionally, the bill included a provision that offers a Department of Energy grant as an alternative to the previous 30% tax credit passed in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

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>.

Phoenix Country Day School

Phoenix Country Day School is a nonsectarian college-preparatory school with an enrollment of 725 in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. A rigorous liberal-arts curriculum prepares graduates for admission to the nation's top colleges and universities. Extensive facilities on the 40-acre campus include: fully integrated computer infrastructure; modern science labs; art studios and music building; gymnasium, swimming pools, tennis courts, athletic fields, and outdoor play areas. The school is accredited by the National Association of Independent Schools and the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest. Visit <http://www.pcids.org> for more information.

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