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Tony's Auto Service Center Goes Solar

Scottsdale, Ariz. – April 10, 2009 – Tony's Auto Service Center and American Solar Electric, Inc. announced the completion a solar electric systems at Tony's Auto Service Center's location at 56th Street and Thomas in Phoenix. The 8.68 kilowatt photovoltaic (PV) solar electric system is installed on the rooftop of this Arizona business.

The Sunpower solar panels were installed parallel to the roofline of Tony's Auto Service Center, maximizing its aesthetic appeal by matching the roofline. The end result proves to be a stunning installation of building integrated solar arrays. Utilizing 42 panels in total, Tony's Auto Service Center offers a unique design that interlaces two different types of solar panels to create a large iconic "T" spelled out in the solar panels.

"Here in the southwest, we continue to see growth in the demand for solar power. Businesses, like Tony's, have discovered the money saving benefits from harnessing the sun's power. In addition, they are putting to use clean, safe power technologies to protect our environment." said Sean Seitz, President of American Solar Electric.

Tony's Auto Service Center, located on the northeast corner of 56th Street and Thomas, started in 1988 as Tony's Texaco- a 2 bay gas station. The gas had to be pulled out one year later when a leak was detected in one of the underground lines. The pumps were pulled and the ground cleaned and extensive remodeling done to improve the appearance and functionality of this auto garage.

Today Tony's Auto Service Center is at the forefront of the environmental "green" movement. They have been approved for "green" status with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). The array of solar panels on the roof is highly visible to passersby. This two year project will cap 20 years of "staying clean and going green" for Tony's, doing their part to protect and exemplify the character and responsibility of the Arcadia neighborhood tradition.

Tony's Auto Service Center is projected to alleviate a majority of the cost of the system with incentives in three layers: SRP EarthWise Solar Energy Incentive, Federal and State tax credits, and corporate depreciation. Typical commercial solar electric systems like Tony's are estimated to have a payback period of approximately 5-7 years. From there on after, all of the electricity the system generates is free. These new solar panels are covered under a 25-year manufacturer's warranty and have an expected lifespan of 30 to 40 years.

The SRP EarthWise Solar Energy program is designed to help reduce the cost of installing a new solar electric system for residential and business customers who invest in the clean, zero-emissions energy source. An incentive of up to \$2.50 per watt is available for business customers that install solar electric systems. Additionally, residential customers with both utilities may qualify to take similar federal and state tax credits; which along with the utility incentive could alleviate up to 75% of the cost of installing a solar electric system.

Tony's Auto Service Center has been providing complete car care in Phoenix since 1988. We are a family-owned business delivering honest, professional, reliable and courteous automotive repair and maintenance services to the people of Phoenix, Scottsdale and surrounding areas. Our top-quality, Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified technicians use today's latest automotive technology. Tony's Auto Service Center is equipped to handle all major and minor repairs on foreign and domestic vehicles. Check out the various AAA Awards of Excellence and Better Business Bureau Ethics Awards on their website at www.TonysAutoServiceCenter.com.

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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