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ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROVIDERS

Ranked by number of greater San Fernando Valley employees

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WITH the move to alternative energy sources heating up globally, it may come as no surprise that the number of alternative energy providers has almost doubled this year. Many returning companies to the List reported numbers consistent with last year while new additions were predominantly smaller operations. The major exceptions are Advanced Solar Electric Inc. and REC Solar

Inc. which came in at #1 and #2 respectively. It was also a year of transition for some companies as LA Solar Energy became LA Solar Systems, Inc. and Solorcorp Solar Electric became California Sun Systems, Inc. Illustrating that alternative energy is not a new idea, Solar Unlimited (ranked No. 3) is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

— By Josh Dausch

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ADVANCED Solar Electric Inc.'s fulltime Valley staff of 30 was enough to propel the company to the No. 1 position. Specializing in commercial, residential and government solar installations, the company is growing rapidly. Its crews are comprised of experienced craftsmen in the solar, electrical, and roofing trades and are members of the League of California Home Owners, Better Business Bureau

(Hall of Fame) and the California Solar Energy Industry Association. ASE has its headquarters in Newbury Park but provides its services to all of California and has been in business for 10 years. A top rated company by the California Energy Commission; it is featured in a video on the CEC home page.

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Rank	Company name address	Employees SFV Employees 2010/2009 Companywide in 2010	Alternative Energy Services Provided	Geographical Areas Served	Profile SFV offices/companywide headquarters website	Top Local Executive name title phone
1	Advanced Solar Electric, Inc. 3325 Grande Vista Dr Newbury Park, 91320	33/35 33	full-service, turnkey solar design and installation services	California	1/1 Newbury Park advancedsolarelectric.com	James Stevens Marketing Manager (877) 727-6527
2	REC Solar Inc 13012 Saticoy Street, Suite 1 North Hollywood, 91605	25/25 342	solar electric systems for commercial, government. utility, and residential applications	LA County, throughout CA and CO, AZ, OR, HI and NJ	1/14 San Luis Obispo, CA recsolar.com	Jessica Super Sales Manager (888) 657-6527
3	Solar Unlimited 52 E Magnolia Blvd Burbank, 91502	20/16 20	PV solar, solar pool heating, domestic hot water, sun power premier dealer	Los Angeles County, Ventura County	1/1 Burbank solarunlimited.com	Bob Dominguez Owner (818) 843-1633
4	Environmental Solar Design Inc. 11237 Magnolia Blvd. North Hollywood, 91601	16/16 16	solar water heating	LA County	1/1 North Hollywood environmentalsolardesign.com	Robert Ellis Owner (800) 464-6924
5	Solar Universe 525 Rimrock Rd. Thousand Oaks, 91361	12/12 50	solar electric (PV)	LA County, Ventura County	1/2 Westlake Village solaruniverse.com	Mitch Katz President (818) 292-1313
6	SolarTec USA 16527 Arminta St. Van Nuys, 91406	12/9 12	solar system and accessory sales and installation	Worldwide	2/2 California solartecausa.com	Fred Tahmasbi President (818) 787-6527

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7	LA Solar Systems, inc. ¹ 345 N Kenwood St Glendale, 91206	10/12 10	PV solar system installation and service	Los Angeles County	1/1 Glendale lasolarenergy.com	Shawn Alvandi President (818) 667-6633
8	Digital Energy 128 Auburn Ct. #106 Westlake Village, 91362	10/8 1	PV systems design	Statewide	2/2 Westlake Village digitalenergy.com	Jai Agaram President (805) 374-1777
9	A. Giddens Electric, Inc. 1600 W Burbank Blvd. Burbank, 91506	9/9 9	Solar PV consultation and installation services along with energy efficiency and thermal solar services	Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties	1/1 Burbank giddenselectric.com	Al Giddens President (818) 845-7686
10	InterPhases Solar, Inc. 3533 Old Conejo Road, Suite 110 Newbury Park, 91320	6/6 6	thin film solar cell technology	Southern California	1/1 Newbury Park interphases.com	Shalini Menezes Director (805) 499-6360
11	California Sun Systems Inc. ² 3329 1/2 Glendale Blvd. Los Angeles, 90039	5/5 5	solar electric (PV) system design and integration.	Serving all of southern California	1/2 Los Angeles csssolar.com	Tad Rose CEO (818) 719-0159
12	Catersolar Inc. 20501 Ventura Blvd Suite 255 Woodland Hills, 91364	5/6 5	distributes all forms of clean energy, with an emphasis on solar generated power, as well as wind generated power solutions	San Fernando Valley	2/2 Woodland Hills catersolar.com	Roy Aghdam CEO (818) 626-5626
13	Mimeos Sustainability Consultants 2600 Glen Green St. Los Angeles, 90068	4/2 4	residential and commercial solar energy systems	LA County, Ventura County, Santa Barbara County, San Diego County, Riverside County, Orange County	1/1 Los Angeles mimeos.net	Matt Moses President (323) 669-8414
14	RD Solar Electrical Systems 4472 Industrial Street Simi Valley, 93063	3/0 3	solar panel systems	Southern California	1/1 Simi Valley rdsolarpower.com	Robert Bogartz President (805) 527-1177
15	Energy Options 10265 Haines Canyon Ave Tujunga, 91042	1/2 1	tracking solar, roof solar, wind power	San Fernando Valley, LA Basin, Palmdale, Lancaster, Antelope Valley	2/3 Columbus, OH energyoptions-wind.com	Scott Meyer General Manager (661) 209-7987

The companies are ranked by the number of San Fernando Valley employees in 2010. In the event of a tie, the companies are then ranked by the number of companywide employees in 2010. Companies based outside of the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's coverage area provide services to the San Fernando Valley.

¹ formerly LA Solar Energy

² formerly Solorcorp Solar Electric

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