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More than 90 Low-Income Households across Southern California to Receive Free Solar Panels through New Partnership between Sullivan Solar Power and GRID Alternatives

Events Across the Region Celebrate a New Partnership that will Expand Access to Solar

SAN DIEGO (May 2, 2013) – Elected officials across Southern California today joined GRID Alternatives and local business Sullivan Solar Power to announce their new partnership, which will bring the benefits of solar power to more than 90 low-income households. The partnership was launched at three residential solar installation sites, where low-income families received solar electric systems from GRID Alternatives at no cost.

For each new property that goes solar with Sullivan Solar Power, the company will donate one locally manufactured solar panel to GRID Alternatives, a non-profit organization that pairs California's low-income solar rebates with philanthropy and other local funding sources to provide solar electric systems to qualifying homeowners at no or very low cost. It is anticipated that 90 low-income households will receive free solar installations through this newly established partnership.

"Today we have launched this yearlong partnership with GRID Alternatives so that homeowners that need solar energy the most will benefit from the financial savings that the technology offers," said Daniel Sullivan, founder and president Sullivan Solar Power, a leading California renewable energy company.

The partnership announcement took place with launch events in the cities of San Diego, Los Angeles and Upland, California. Panel donations from Sullivan Solar Power will be made to GRID Alternatives regional offices serving San Diego, Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. The solar firm expects over 1,000 solar panels to be donated over the course of the one-year partnership.

"Every family should have the opportunity to choose clean electricity from the sun," said Paul Cleary, Regional Director of GRID Alternatives San Diego, "Sullivan Solar Power's outstanding commitment will help dozens of local families realize their solar dreams— and our community will be greener for it."

The solar projects that homeowners will receive as a result of the partnership are anticipated to save 90 low-income families throughout Southern California more than \$3,000,000 collectively over a 30-year timespan.

"Solar will be a huge benefit for our family," said homeowner Jimmie Martin, who received a system through GRID Alternatives, "and I hope to use some of the savings to help my neighborhood as well."

San Diego Mayor Bob Filner commended Sullivan Solar Power for its community initiative that supports the continued growth of solar power in the city and region. He praised the new philanthropic partnership that will benefit low-income families.

"California leads the nation in solar power, and San Diego is the solar capital of the nation," said Mayor Bob Filner, "Partnerships like this help our city and state increase its energy independence and create a sustainable future for the next generation."

To learn more about Sullivan Solar Power, visit <u>www.sullivansolarpower.com</u> or call 1-800-SULLIVAN. For more information about GRID Alternatives, visit <u>www.gridalternatives.org</u>.

About Sullivan Solar Power

Sullivan Solar Power is a turnkey solar system provider that delivers solar electric projects from concept to completion. The company has installed over 14,000,000 watts of solar power ranging from small-scale residential to large-scale commercial and municipal systems. Sullivan Solar Power is headquartered in San Diego, CA and owned and operated by Dan Sullivan. Sullivan Solar Power has a longstanding A-plus rating with the Better Business Bureau, with no complaints filed since the business began. The firm has been named one of the fastest growing energy companies in the nation by Inc. Magazine for three consecutive years and services all of Southern California. Regardless of project size and scope, Sullivan is committed to delivering the best products and the most qualified professionals to its customers. Visit http://www.sullivansolarpower.com for more information.

About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is a non-profit organization that brings the benefits of solar technology to low-income communities. Using a barn-raising model, GRID Alternatives leads teams of volunteers and job trainees to install solar power on qualifying homes throughout California and Colorado, providing needed savings for families struggling to make ends meet while preparing workers for jobs in the fast-growing solar industry and cleaning our air. More than 3000 families have benefitted from the program to date, saving more than \$82 million in lifetime electricity costs, and more than 11,000 people have received hands-on solar installation experience. For more information, visit http://www.gridalternatives.org.