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Global Solar Energy Announces Expansion of Tucson Operations *- Manufacturing and professional positions within 18 months -*

Tucson, AZ (November 8, 2006) – Global Solar Energy (GSE), the leading manufacturer of Copper Indium Gallium diSelenide (CIGS) thin-film solar products, today announces the addition of 50 jobs to its Tucson operations. Manufacturing will move from 5575 S. Houghton Road to 8500 S. Rita Road. PICOR Commercial Real Estate is the broker.

The jobs at GSE's new facility will be a mix of manufacturing positions with an annual compensation package range of \$32,000-\$35,000 with benefits, and professional/managerial positions with an annual compensation package range of \$70,000-\$110,000 with benefits. GSE will announce when the hiring process will start; hiring will be complete within 18 months.

GSE plans a major capital investment in its expansion with \$75 million in new equipment and building improvements. \$26 million alone is earmarked for Tucson-area vendors and suppliers. GSE's current expansion also includes a second facility underway in Germany.

GSE manufactures lightweight, portable solar panel chargers for use in military, commercial, and consumer applications. "Currently we have customers on every continent, both military and commercial as well as a growing list of dealer and distributor partners," said Mike Gering, president of Global Solar Energy. "We are expanding tenfold to meet customer demand," Gering said.

"We're pleased to be able to help expand the base of local, hi tech-related jobs and facilitate the retention and growth of one of our home-grown manufacturers, right here in Tucson," said Joe Snell, TREO's president and CEO. "Business retention in the region is one of TREO's top focus areas."

About Global Solar Energy

Global Solar Energy is the leading manufacturer of Copper Indium Gallium diSelenide (CIGS) thin-film solar products on a flexible substrate, a new technology from the traditional silicon solar products. GSE manufactures both foldable, lightweight, portable, solar chargers as well as traditional small glass modules. Both are used for all types of remote power needs, from charging a laptop battery to charging military equipment in the field. For more information, visit www.globalsolar.com.

About TREO (Tucson Regional Economic Opportunities, Inc.)

TREO's mission is to provide insight, infrastructure, resources and development efforts to accelerate economic prosperity throughout the Southern Arizona region. Combining programs and services into one organization, TREO supports the creation of new business, the growth and expansion of existing businesses, and the attraction of companies that offer high-impact jobs and share the community's values. For more information, visit www.treoaz.org.