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Hacienda Community Development Corporation Futsal Court Awarded Solar Installation This Fall Through Solar Forward Program

Portland, OR – Hacienda Community Development Corporation (Hacienda CDC) will be installing a solar panel array on top of their Futsal Court this fall. Hacienda CDC is a local community development corporation primarily focused on supporting Latino families by offering services such as homeownership support, economic advancement and educational opportunities. Victor Merced, Executive Director of Hacienda CDC says “Hacienda has long been a believer in bringing the benefits of sustainability to the lower-income families we serve. Thanks to Sunlight Solar Energy and the Solar Forward program, we are thrilled to continue our commitment to sustainability with the introduction of a solar array to our futsal court.””

Solar Forward is a crowd-sourcing campaign created by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to offer community members a way to engage in the development of new, clean, local renewable energy systems on public buildings like community centers, schools and libraries. Andria Jacob, manager of energy programs and policy at BPS states “This new solar installation at Hacienda CDC’s Futsal Court gives students a science-education opportunity, gives work to local solar contractors and helps reduce Portland’s carbon emissions by adding a clean energy source. Supporting renewable energy delivers real benefits to the community, from the quality of the air we breathe to the economic opportunity created for Portland’s small businesses and workers.”

Through a competitive bid process the project was awarded to Sunlight Solar Energy located in Oregon City. Sunlight Solar Energy president, Paul Israel states “Sunlight Solar is proud to provide Hacienda CDC with the ability to generate renewable energy locally. We commend the city of Portland for creating the Solar Forward program in order to aid in sustainability projects throughout the metro area.”

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About Sunlight Solar Energy Inc.

Sunlight Solar Energy Inc. is a 25 year old company specializing in the installation of residential and commercial solar panel systems with offices in Oregon City and Bend. The company is dedicated to educating their customers and empowering them to make intelligent buying decisions. We are currently offering special finance options for homeowners and builders interested in building solar ready. For existing residential structures we are currently offering zero money down option. For more information regarding Sunlight Solar Energy Inc. and more details regarding our solar incentives visit their website at www.sunlightsolar.com or call us at 503-705-9550.



About the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) develops creative and practical solutions to enhance Portland's livability, preserve distinctive places and plan for a resilient future. BPS collaborates with community partners to provide comprehensive land use, neighborhood, district, economic, historic and environmental planning, and urban design; research, policy and technical services to advance green building, energy efficiency and the use of solar and renewable energy, waste prevention, composting and recycling, and a sustainable food system; and, policy and actions to address climate change.

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About Hacienda CDC

Hacienda CDC is a Latino Community Development Corporation that strengthens families by providing affordable housing, homeownership support, economic advancement and educational opportunities. Since 1992, Hacienda has built nearly 400 units of affordable multifamily housing in the Portland metro area, concentrating on the Cully neighborhood in NE Portland. We serve over 3000 individuals annually through our housing and supportive service, over 70% of whom are Latino. Learn more at www.haciendacdc.org