



## News Release

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## Salt Lake City Selected to Host Solar America Cities Meeting

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH** – Organizers of Solar America Cities have chosen Salt Lake City as the site for the Third Annual Solar America Cities Meeting. Solar America Cities is a partnership between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and a select group of cities across the country that have committed to accelerating the adoption of solar energy technologies.

The Solar America Cities (SAC) partnership focuses on integration of solar energy technologies into city energy planning, removing market barriers to solar development, improving zoning regulations, building codes, permitting and inspection procedures and the promotion of solar technology among residents and local businesses. “We are delighted Salt Lake City has been selected as the host for the third annual meeting,” stated Patty Kappaz of the Solar Energy Technologies Program at the U.S. Department of Energy.

In 2007 Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City won a federal grant for the Solar Salt Lake Project, a collaborative effort designed to increase the use of solar power throughout Salt Lake Valley.

“I am very pleased the Solar American Cities event will be here next year,” said Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon. “In the coming years we expect to capture ever more of the sunlight and transform it into clean, efficient solar power.”

Mayor Ralph Becker agrees. “We are moving forward here in Salt Lake City and in Salt Lake County to find more opportunities for solar power, not only at the local level, but also on a regional scale.”

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Utah Clean Energy Director Sarah Wright acknowledges the efforts of both Salt Lake City and County to work towards the shared goal of advancing renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean energy technologies. “I am thrilled the U.S. Department of Energy is recognizing the significant advances Salt Lake City and County are making for solar energy. We are honored to be engaged in the partnership.”

The first ever Solar America Cities meeting was held in 2008 in Tucson, Arizona. This year’s meeting was held in San Antonio last April. Exact dates and meeting facilities for the 2010 Salt Lake City meeting are still being decided.

SAC will present a trio of awards during the 2010 meeting:

- the most significant solar project
- the most creative solar activities
- the most progress toward solar sustainability

Hosting sponsors for the annual Solar America Cities meeting are Utah Clean Energy, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Rocky Mountain Power and Kennecott Land.

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