

# THE LIST

## ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROVIDERS

Ranked by number of greater Valley employees

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This year's List of the Largest Alternative Energy Providers is populated by 16 companies and ranked by the number of employees in the greater San Fernando Valley. The companies cover a variety of alternative energy solutions with the majority specializing in solar technology. Ranging from 1 to 250 local employees, the services provided

include consultation, distribution and installation. The No.1 company is SolarWorld Industries America, a division of SolarWorld AG, one of the world's largest solar technology providers. The largest non-solar company is CoolPlanet BioFuels, ranked at No. 3 with 35 local employees.

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### THE PACESETTER

This year's largest Alternative Energy Provider is SolarWorld Industries America, a public manufacturer and distributor of solar materials and systems, with local operations in Camarillo. The parent company is headquartered in Bonn, Germany, and services a worldwide cus-

tomers base. SolarWorld was founded in 1988 and made its initial public offering in 1999. Shell Solar, America's largest provider of solar products since 1976, divested its crystalline silicon manufacturing base to SolarWorld in 2006.

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Rank	Company name address	Employees SFV 2011/2010 Companywide in 2011	Alternative Energy Services Provided	Geographical Areas Served	Profile SFV offices/companywide headquarters website	Top Local Executive name title phone
1	SolarWorld Industries America 4650 Adohr Ln. Camarillo, 93012	250/WND 1,250	manufacturers crystalline silicon solar panels, cells, wafers, crystals, turnkey systems and installation, distribution and integration	Worldwide	1/2 Camarillo solarworld-usa.com	Frank Asbeck President (800) 947-6527
2	eSolar 3355 W. Empire Ave. #200 Burbank, 91504	70/80 75	concentrated solar power	Burbank, Lancaster and Worldwide	1/1 Burbank esolar.com	John Van Scoter President (818) 303-9500
3	CoolPlanet BioFuels 543 Calle San Pablo Camarillo, 93012	35/24 35	low carbon and carbon negative gasoline	United States	2/2 Camarillo coolplanetbiofuels.com	Mike Cheiky President (940) 584-0490
4	REC Solar Inc 13012 Saticoy St. #1 North Hollywood, 91605	25/25 600	grid-tied solar electric design and installation, commercial and residential technology, equipment, and financing opportunities	Southern California	1/15 San Luis Obispo recsolar.com	John Bumgarner SoCal Reg. Sales Mngr. (888) 657-6527
5	Solar Unlimited 52 E Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, 91502	20/20 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
6	Solar Choice Solutions 5200 Kanan Rd. #214 Agoura Hills, 91301	18/WND WND	solar products, technologies and services	California	2/2 Agoura Hills solarchoicesolutions.com	Larry Glick President (818) 297-7636
7	California Green Designs 18226 Ventura Blvd. #103 Tarzana, 91356	17/16 17	solar electric installation	45 miles around Tarzana	1/1 Tarzana ca-green.com	Seta Alexanian Sr. Project Mngr. (818) 705-3474
8	Solar Universe 2524 Townsgate Rd. #B Westlake Village, 91361	12/12 50	solar installation for residential & commercial	Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange Counties, Antelope Valley and Santa Barbara	1/25 Livermore solaruniverse.com	Mitch Katz President (805) 777-7477
9	Digital Energy 128 Auburn Ct. #106 Westlake Village, 91362	11/10 11	PV systems design	California	2/2 Westlake Village digitalenergy.com	Jai Agaram President (805) 374-1777
10	International Solar Electric Technology, Inc. 20600 Plummer St. Chatsworth, 91311	10/WND WND	solar manufacturer	Domestic & International	1/1 Chatsworth isetinc.com	Dr. Vijay Kapur CEO (818) 882-8687
11	A. Giddens Electric, Inc. 1600 W Burbank Blvd. Burbank, 91506	9/9 9	solar PV consultation and installation services, energy efficiency and thermal solar devices	Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties	1/1 Burbank giddenselectric.com	Al Giddens President (818) 845-7686
12	LA Solar Systems, Inc. <sup>1</sup> 10319 Leolang Ave. Sunland, 91040	8/8 8	PV solar system installation and service	Los Angeles County	1/1 Sunland lasolarenergy.com	Shawn Alvandi President (818) 667-6633
13	California Sun Systems Inc. <sup>2</sup> 3327 Glendale Blvd. Los Angeles, 90039	5/5 5	solar energy system design and installation	All of Southern California	1/1 Los Angeles csssolar.com	Tad Rose CEO (818) 719-0159
14	Mimeos Sustainability Consultants 2600 Glen Green St. Los Angeles, 90068	4/4 4	solar power installation, efficiency consulting and technology implementation, energy auditing	LA, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Riverside and Orange Counties	1/1 Los Angeles mimeos.net	Matt Moses President (323) 669-8414
15	Energy Options 10265 Haines Canyon Ave. Tujunga, 91042	1/1 5	wind, solar, consulting	Antelope Valley, San Fernando Valley, LaCrescenta Valley	1/3 Columbus, OH energyoptions-wind.com	Scott Meyer General Manager (661) 209-7987
16	Parabolic Solar Energy Inc. 11684 Ventura Blvd. Studio City, 91604	WND <sup>3</sup> /WND WND	consulting and installation of solar technology	Southern California	1/1 Studio City psolar.com	Pinhas Boussi President (818) 660-2525

The companies are ranked by the number of San Fernando Valley employees in 2011. In the event of a tie, the companies are then ranked by the number of companywide employees in 2011. Companies based outside of the San Fernando Valley Business Journal's coverage area provide services to the San Fernando Valley. Advanced Solar Electric, Inc. declined to participate.

<sup>1</sup> formerly LA Solar Energy

<sup>2</sup> formerly Solorcorp Solar Electric

<sup>3</sup> can range from 2-5

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