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**LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ASSOCIATION RELEASES STUDY SHOWING ECONOMIC BENEFIT
OF NEVADA TAX INCENTIVE FOR SOLAR DEVELOPMENT**

(SACRAMENTO – April 6, 2009) The Large-scale Solar Association (LSA) released a comparative analysis of state incentives for utility-scale solar development in Arizona, California and Nevada - three states with some of the best solar exposure in the world. The study, conducted by Nevada-based firm Applied Analysis, shows that well-designed tax structures can both attract new solar business development and help the states' economies.

Findings indicate that Nevada currently has the most favorable tax structure among the three states, giving the state a competitive advantage in attracting significant solar development, jobs and economic output to the state. Those tax incentives are set to expire this year. Pending Nevada legislation would extend current tax incentives for large solar projects. If passed, these bills would solidify Nevada as a leader in creating a business-friendly environment for this low-carbon resource.

"The ability to provide clean, renewable energy is critical - paired with the ability to create needed new jobs, these solar projects provide a win-win situation," said Shannon Eddy, Executive Director of LSA.

Recent reports suggest that new large-scale solar facilities can generate thousands of jobs in both construction and throughout the local economy. These projects are particularly sensitive to taxes associated with property and construction materials. Although other regulatory, quality-of-life and operating cost considerations would be essential to any company's decision-making process, the presence or absence of tax abatements can be the determining factor in site selection and investment.

"Beyond the significant economic development benefits, solar provides energy when the grid needs it most and reduces our exposure to volatile natural gas prices. Given current renewable energy and climate goals, there couldn't be a better time to incentivize these projects." said Holly Gordon, President of LSA.

The report can be downloaded at: <http://www.largescalesolar.org/filings.php>

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LSA is a non-partisan, solar advocacy association whose purpose is to advance the utility-scale solar market through progressive policy mechanisms. More information about LSA can be found at <http://www.largescalesolar.org>