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CONTRACTOR OUTREACH FOR CALTRANS SOLAR PROJECTS PRIME CONTRACTORS

San Bernardino – On August 25, 2009 Caltrans announced its plan to install \$20million in new solar energy systems at 70 of its facilities throughout the state, providing California taxpayers an estimated \$52.5 million in avoided energy costs over 25 years. In 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed Assembly Bill 32, California’s landmark bill that established a first-in-the-world program to reduce greenhouse gases.

The solar panels will produce more than 3 million kilowatt- hours of electricity each year and eliminate millions of pounds of greenhouse gases annually- at no cost to the California taxpayer. Caltrans is part of California’s Climate Action Program and was one of the first state agencies to be certified as a “Climate Action Leader” by the California Climate Action Registry. The Caltrans solar projects are being financed through the sale of Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB), which will be paid back in annual payments over 15 years.

Solar energy contractors, holding a C10 or C46 license are invited to attend a “sneak peak” video conference that will offer general bid information on projects anticipated to be advertised in 2009 and 2010. Please R.S.V.P. to Patti Smith, (909) 383-6482.

DATE and TIME: District 8, San Bernardino, Maintenance Shop
175 W. Cluster St.
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Wednesday, September 9, 2009
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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