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SMA AMERICA EMPLOYS THE SUN AT CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS

New Array Produces Energy, Provides Demonstration System for Solar Academy

ROCKLIN, Calif., Feb. 26, 2009—SMA America, Inc. has installed a carport solar power system at its U.S. headquarters in Rocklin, Calif. The new array is designed to serve as a demonstration system for SMA's popular Solar Academy while off-setting a portion of the facility's energy usage. The Solar Academy provides training regarding SMA products, code compliance and installation best practices.

The 20 kW carport system—co-designed by SMA and installed by Roseville Solar Electric—allows installers to further learn about the role of SMA's inverters and monitoring systems. It includes 96 panels by REC Solar and four SMA Sunny Boy 5000US inverters. Production and weather data are gathered by a Sunny WebBox and Sunny SensorBox, respectively, and displayed on a large screen in SMA's front lobby using the company's FlashView software. Flashview provides statistics, graphs and illustrations regarding the system's energy production and CO2 offset.



SMA America's Carport Solar Power System in Rocklin, Calif.

Photo Courtesy of SMA America, Inc.

For those with a Sunny WebBox and a PC, SMA's FlashView software is available for free download at www.SMA-America.com.

"The new carport system benefits both SMA and its installers," says Jurgen Krehnke, president and general manager of SMA America. "In addition to powering our own building, we are able to provide an on-the-spot learning environment for our Solar Academy attendees."

About the Solar Academy

SMA's Solar Academy provides educational seminars that qualify for NABCEP (North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners) continuing education credits. Topics run the gamut from residential and commercial systems design to data logging with SMA's Sunny WebBox. Attendees also have access to an innovative inverter display for applied learning and remote troubleshooting. Webinars also are available.

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About SMA America, Inc.

SMA America, Inc. is the U.S. subsidiary of SMA Solar Technology AG, based in Germany. SMA is the world leader in solar inverter technology and manufacturing with divisions in nine countries on four continents. SMA is committed to its leadership role, offering exceptional value with the most efficient and reliable solar inverters in the industry. SMA takes special pride in promoting renewable energy solutions at all levels through education, information and support for the general public and solar installers, as well as for small and large businesses worldwide. For more information, call (916) 625-0870 or visit www.SMA-America.com.

Photo Caption: SMA America's Carport Solar Power System in Rocklin, Calif.

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