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TechNet Hosts Green Tech Conference in Silicon Valley with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

Palo Alto, CA - TechNet, the bipartisan political network of CEOs that promotes the growth of the innovation economy, this week held a forum on the campus of Applied Materials in Sunnyvale called GROWING GREEN IN CALIFORNIA to exchange information about how they can partner with the State of California to expand clean technologies in the State.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger delivered the keynote address at the Forum and along with Applied Materials CEO Mike Splinter, also flipped the switch on the largest corporate solar photovoltaic installation in the United States. The two megawatt power system signals an important milestone for a new global era of solar power. By covering the company's roof and parking lots, Applied Materials has turned under-utilized space into a power plant capable of generating power equivalent to that needed by more than 1500 homes.

"It is more important than ever that we secure our states long-term competitiveness and green technology is the future," Governor Schwarzenegger said. "We are all going through tough economic times, and this is exactly why I am talking about investing in clean, green technology. It's one of the best investments out there, and it's where the innovation and job growth will be, which is why California is leading the way with smart policies that unleash our ingenuity."

"TechNet is thrilled to hold this important conference with Applied Materials and Governor Schwarzenegger to highlight the importance of green technologies to our economic growth," said Lezlee Westine, President and CEO of TechNet. "Make no mistake, when we invest in green technology markets, we get double the return on that investment as we grow our economy by creating thousands of high wage jobs and enhanced energy security."

The Forum brought together the investment community, emerging and established companies, state policymakers with expertise in California's available state and local incentives, and other green technology stakeholders. The Forum also highlighted California's programs designed to increase clean tech in the state and help clean tech companies interested in expanding operations in California identify incentives and programs to reduce their costs. The goal is to help companies and their investors determine where to expand their manufacturing and other operations and make contacts with key state and local officials, as well as making information about the state's incentive programs more accessible. The panels also discussed California's programs to facilitate the growth of clean tech companies and how to best access these programs in addition to generating ideas on how we can work together to maximize the economic and job creation benefits of clean technology in California.

The event also featured remarks by: California Senator Elaine Alquist; Assemblywoman Sally Lieber; Mike Splinter, CEO, Applied Materials; Tracy Arnold, Director, Jobs and Economic Growth, Office of the Governor; Brian McGowan, Deputy Secretary for Economic Development and Commerce, Business

Transportation and Housing Agency; Toni Symonds, Senior Policy Advisor, California Legislature; Jeanne Clinton, Clean Energy Advisor, California Public Utilities Commission; Mark Bramfitt, Principal Program Manager, Pacific Gas and Electric; Tim Olson, Manager, Emerging Fuels and Technology Office, California

Energy Commission; Brian Sager, Founder and Vice President, Nanosolar; Homayoun Talieh, President & CEO, SoloPower Inc.; Nanci Klein, Manager, Corporate Outreach, City of San Jose; Stephan Dolezalek, Managing Director and Group Leader, CleanTech, VantagePoint Venture Partners; and Lezlee Westine, President and CEO of TechNet.

The promotion of green technologies is one of TechNet's top policy priorities. In recent weeks, TechNet and its member companies helped successfully lobby the U.S. Congress for vitally important extensions of renewable energy tax credits that promote clean energy and investments in greater energy efficiency. These credits are crucial to the long-term success of emerging clean energy technologies. Today, the U.S. is at a delicate stage in a sector that has the potential to generate enormous domestic job growth and produce clean, cost-effective energy. But a disruption of the clean energy tax credits would have significantly slowed down the growth of this promising new American industry.