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Ohio's First-Ever Big Solar Business & Community Solar Workshop **Friday, March 27, 2015 at Toledo Glass Pavilion, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

COLUMBUS, OH - (March 3, 2015). The first-ever, in-depth workshop discussing Ohio's largest-solar arrays and the emerging issue of "community solar" will be featured Friday, March 27 at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion, 2445 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio 43620.

Ohio's Big Solar Business: Commercial & Community Solar Applications is a Business-to-Business Workshop with an Emerging Professionals Reception and Guided Tours of the Toledo Museum of Art (including the museum's solar rooftop and solar car canopy charging electric vehicles) presented by the statewide, non-profit Green Energy Ohio (GEO).

Solar developers, financiers, installers, and contractors along with manufacturers, retailers, government officials, educators, farmers, and consumers are invited to learn about Ohio's large-scale solar and community solar projects from 18 experts, and additional sponsors, and exhibitors. Workshop speakers will discuss Ohio's large-scale solar siting, financing and policy issues with speakers from nearby states providing insight into how community solar can work in Ohio. Community solar uses electricity from large solar arrays to allow community members the chance to buy solar power or buy/lease panels and get a credit for the per panel production on their utility bill or invest directly in shares of large solar arrays. The workshop will also feature three expert presentation panels, green expo trade show exhibits, a young professional's networking reception, an electric vehicle (EV) showcase, and tours of the museum's artwork and green energy applications.

The luncheon keynote speaker is Pete Kadens, President of solar developer SoCore Energy headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Pete, a Toledo native, will discuss *The Solar Revolution and How We Can All Capitalize*. SoCore has deployed solar in over 20 counties around Ohio and in 17 states in the U.S. and has a Toledo office.

Early bird registration ends online by March 20 at the GEO web site: www.GreenEnergyOhio.org. Admission is \$50.00 for GEO Members and Supporting Partners Members: Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce and Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association. Admission is \$70.00 for other participants before March 20. Luncheon-only or Student registration is \$30 for GEO and Partner Members and \$40 for others.

Supported in part by the First Solar Corporate Charitable Fund of the Toledo Community Foundation, the Workshop's MegaWatt Sponsor is SoCore Energy. Current Workshop Green Star Sponsors are: Dovetail Solar & Wind, McNaughton McKay, Solar Power & Light, Lucas County Toledo Port Authority and

Green Energy Ohio is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally
and economically sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio.
GEO is the Ohio Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society.

Toledo Museum of Art. Green Star Sponsorships and Exhibits are still available for the event.

“Large-scale solar and the prospect of community solar in Ohio makes solar electricity more affordable every day for businesses and the public as this workshop will demonstrate with case studies from around the state and region,” said Bill Spratley, Green Energy Ohio Executive Director,

See full Agenda and Registration Information at: www.greenenergyohio.org/page.cfm?pageID=4027.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: About Green Energy Ohio (GEO). In its 15th year, GEO is a nonprofit organization promoting economically and environmentally sustainable energy policies and practices in Ohio. GEO is the Ohio Chapter of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES) and sponsors public outreach and the nation’s largest solar tour each October. Since 2008 the quarterly, full-color *Green Energy Ohio News Magazine* chronicles the growing clean energy industry across the Buckeye State featuring *Ohio’s Big Solar Business: Commercial & Community Solar Applications* Winter 2015 edition highlighting the state’s 25 largest solar installations and community solar. Visit GEO’s extensive website www.GreenEnergyOhio.org for more information.