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Green chamber lunch program to feature panel on how solar benefits your business

If you would like to save money and help the environment, you’ll want to attend the “All Energy Luncheon” on July 25 at the Viscount Suites Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway, to learn about the who, what, where and why of going solar. This special members and new members lunch of the Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is sponsored by the Southern Arizona Regional Solar Partnership, a program of Pima Association of Governments.

The 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. event will include lunch and a program that will include the following speakers:

Bruce Plenk, Solar Energy Coordinator
City of Tucson
Topic: Successful Commercial Installations in the Region

Terry Dee, Manager
Habistore
Topic: Financial Benefits of Using Solar at the Habistore

Dr. Joseph Simmons, Department Head and Professor
Department of Materials Science and Engineering
University of Arizona
Topic: Solar Installations at the University of Arizona

“We want to help our members learn more about the benefits of going solar,” said Rick Small, president of the Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce. “Using solar power is one of

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many ways that businesses can become green, and the Solar Partnership is here to help our members understand what you need to do to get started in solar.”

The Solar Partnership is a cooperative effort to focus attention on southern Arizona’s natural opportunities for putting solar power to work.

“Our panel of speakers will provide valuable information from the installation to the actual benefits a small business or a larger institution, such as the University of Arizona, finds in using solar power as part of their operations,” said Colleen Crowninshield, Energy Program Manager at Pima Association of Governments.

The luncheon program is free to SAGCC members and those who join the chamber prior to the luncheon. The fee for non-members is $15. RSVP by emailing rgurnett@PAGregion.com or by registering online at www.sagcc.org by 5 p.m. July 23.

Pima Association of Governments is an association of local, state and tribal governments with a mission to build consensus among its members and the public on regional planning for transportation, energy, air quality and water quality. PAG’s staff gather and analyze data, provide accurate information, and coordinate an open and cooperative planning process to promote good decision-making for the region. Please visit www.PAGregion.com for more information or www.facebook.com/PAGregion.

The Southern Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization established to advocate and promote green, sustainable practices in our community. Membership is open to all businesses, organizations, individuals and students who want to make environmentally responsible choices to preserve, protect and promote a sustainable future. SAGCC serves cities, towns, municipalities and residents in Southern Arizona and collaborates with other green chambers from around the nation. For more information, visit www.sagcc.org