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OAKLAND RANKS #1 AT 2007 CITY SOLAR AWARDS

OAKLAND, CA – 10/8/2007 – Consistent with his vision for a sustainable Model City, Mayor Ron Dellums is pleased to announce today that the City of Oakland has learned it will receive a City Solar Award from the NorCal Solar Energy Association, to be presented October 18 during the annual Solar Celebration at the Berkeley City Club.

“This award is a significant acknowledgement of the diligence and commitment Oakland has towards the goal of sustainability and energy efficiency,” said Mayor Dellums. “I commend the effort and results of the various businesses, residents, and city staff which have taken the lead to ensure that Oakland remains a statewide leader in this critical area.”

The City Solar Awards (CSA) recognize cities for the amount of solar photovoltaic technology installed on homes, businesses, and municipal buildings, and raise public awareness about the benefits of solar technology while developing a spirit of friendly competition between municipalities that will encourage the creation of specific solar goals. The awards are based on the total number of grid-tied PV installations on all buildings. Photovoltaic (PV) technology is a solar power technology that uses solar cells or solar photovoltaic arrays to convert light from the sun directly into electricity.

In order to compare equitably the awards are given to small (populations of 10,000 or less), medium (10,000 to 50,000), and large (50,000 and more) cities. All incorporated cities in ten Bay Area counties were eligible for the award.

The City of Oakland ranked #1 in the “Large Cities” category for “Most Total Watts Installed,” totaling nearly six megawatts (5.989.931). Rounding out the top three were San Francisco and Santa Rosa, each just over four megawatts, respectively.

“It is very exciting to see these significant and tangible results come from the hard work of many people throughout Oakland,” said Raul Godinez II, City of Oakland Public Works Director.

The Public Works Agency is confident that Oakland will continue to reap the benefits of their efforts. In the last year the Port of Oakland constructed a 700 kW (0.7 megawatt) system at the Oakland International Airport and on June 19 the City Council approved \$287,000 in funding for additional solar power systems atop City facilities.

The City Solar Award reception will be hosted by industry leader Tom Starrs. More information on the event and the other award winners can be found at www.noricalsolar.org/Annual-Events/City-Solar-Awards.html.

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