



### Second Solar Facility Comes to Gila Bend



NEWS RELEASE (EXCERPT)

#### ***SOLON to develop and build 18MW solar power plant for Arizona Public Service***

Berlin/ Tucson (USA), October 1, 2010: Tucson-based SOLON Corporation, a subsidiary of SOLON SE and one of the largest crystalline silicon solar module manufacturers and provider of turnkey solar power plants in the U.S., announced a contract with Arizona Public Service (APS) to develop, design and construct an 18-megawatt (MW) solar power plant featuring SOLON's turnkey system design, high-efficiency modules and single-axis trackers. APS, Arizona's largest and longest-serving electric utility, serves more than 1.1 million customers in the state.

Once installed this system will be one of the largest photovoltaic (PV) systems in the country, creating more than 550 local jobs during construction, and ultimately capable of generating enough solar energy to power more than 4,500 homes. Located on 145 acres of land, the system is scheduled to start construction in the first quarter of 2011 and be completed in 2011. APS will own and operate the solar production facility.

As a complete PV system provider, SOLON is handling the Gila Bend, Arizona-based project for APS every step of the way—from site development and system design, to engineering, procurement and construction. The project features SOLON's Velocity MW Solar System, which will provide 18 preconfigured, one-megawatt modular solar fields specifically designed to help utilities quickly scale to capacity.

"We are pleased to be teaming with SOLON to bring our customers more solar power. This new solar plant is part of APS' company-wide mission of creating a sustainable energy future for Arizona," said Brad Albert, General Manager Resources Acquisition and Renewable Energy for APS.

"Through our Velocity MW system, SOLON is delivering a breakthrough design for fast, reliable solar energy that will allow us to quickly scale the APS project to capacity," said

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Dan Alcombright, Regional Vice President and General Manager of North America for SOLON. "We are proud to collaborate with APS on this milestone project - an effort that is reflective of SOLON's dedication to producing the technology, superior solar solutions and jobs that advance the local Ariz. economy and the U.S. utility-scale solar energy market.

SOLON SE is one of the largest manufacturers of solar modules in Europe as well as a supplier of solar system technology for large-scale rooftop and greenfield installations. The SOLON Group has subsidiaries in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and the U.S. and employs some 900 people worldwide. SOLON's core business is producing solar modules and photovoltaic systems along with planning and constructing large rooftop installations and turnkey solar power plants all over the world.

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### Town of Gila Bend Projects

October 3, 2010

The Waterline & Fire Hydrant Project, Phase 1 of three RD projects, is completed except for a few loose ends that are being tied up. Water pressure tests have been completed as have the compaction tests; both tests were on target.

Construction of the Airport Shade Hangars has been approved and activity on the project will begin within a week and a half.

The First Things First and Care First discussions are on track and a sample agreement will be considered at the meeting scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Engineering Services Agreement for the Scott Avenue Waterline and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project has been approved. A Maricopa County Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$374,000 was awarded to the Town for completion of this project.



## October 2010 Community Calendar

Oct 2, 2010



- 10/12 – Council Meeting – Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 10/16 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa Show & Shine
- 10/18 – Candidate Packets available
- 10/26– Council Meeting- Regular Meeting (6:00 pm)
- 10/30 – Fright Night
- 11/6 & 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Shrimp Fest

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## Upcoming Events

October 4, 2010

With October there comes cooler weather and the start of more local events. On October 16<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa Show & Shine will be held with proceeds going to purchase Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children. A car show, burn-out and slow drag are some of the competitions to be held along with other activities, a carnival, vendors and more.

On the evening of October 30<sup>th</sup> do not be surprised to see ghosts and goblins wandering around the Community Center Park for that is when Fright Night will be held. This year, the Haunted House will be put on by Jo Jo Turner and his crew. The Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging resident community involvement by having someone from the community host the Haunted House. Contact the Town of Gila Bend at 928-683-2255 if you are interested in doing the Haunted House in the future.

November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Desert Shrimp Fest, with proceeds from this event going to local charities and organizations, scholarships and other youth and senior programs. Local businesses are encouraged to sponsor a contest and volunteers are still being accepted. The annual festival began as a way to provide local residents with a fun, family event and stimulate the local economy by attracting visitors to Gila Bend. The popular Shrimp Eating Contest will be held both days as will the Kids Coloring Contest. There will be live music on Saturday, a 16" Big Ball Tournament, vendors, a beer garden, and fun for the whole family.

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## Happy Halloween

October 1, 2010



The Gila Bend Town Council and Town Staff wish you a Happy and Safe Halloween.

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## Arizona Kith and Kin Project

October 1, 2010



The objective of the Arizona Kith and Kin Project is to improve the quality of childcare that friends and family provide. Though friends and family are the preferred child care providers in many small and low income communities, there are few services or support for those providing the care.

The Arizona Kith and Kin Project began in 1999 as a way to strengthen the quality of care provided by kith (friends) and kin (family). Some of the topics covered in the training include brain development, positive communication, children's activities, nutrition and health and safety issues.

If you provide childcare for a friend or family member and would like to receive training, support and free equipment including car seats, fire extinguishers and cribs, contact the CAP office at 928-683-2244 for information. Meetings are Monday, 3:00-5:00pm at the CAP office. Transportation and child care are provided at no cost for anyone wanting to attend.

The Arizona Kith and Kin project is an Association for Supportive Child Care program with funding coming from First Things First and other organizations.

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## Clerk's Corner

October 3, 2010

Candidate Packets will be available October 18, 2010 for those interested in campaigning for one of the four available Town Council seats. If you are interested in running for Town Council, please come to the Town Hall, Monday through Thursday between 7:00am – 6:00pm and request a packet from Beverly Turner, Town Clerk.

The Public Works Manager and Parks & Recreation Director positions have been filled. The Gila Bend Town Council and Town of Gila Bend staff welcomes Mr. Bill Menard as the new Public Works Manager and Mr. Colby Turner as the new Parks & Recreation Director.

Bill Menard comes with many years of experience including 15 years as the Public Works Director for Flagstaff and 12 years in Public Works as an Asst. Director (Chandler) and as a Consultant. Mr. Menard has a MBA in Business Administration and a BS in Chemistry.

Colby Turner has worked with Gila Bend youth and youth activities as a teacher, with a Masters Degree in Education, in the Gila Bend Unified School District and through various youth programs. He has experience in agriculture giving him the right combination of skills and knowledge needed for Parks and Recreation.