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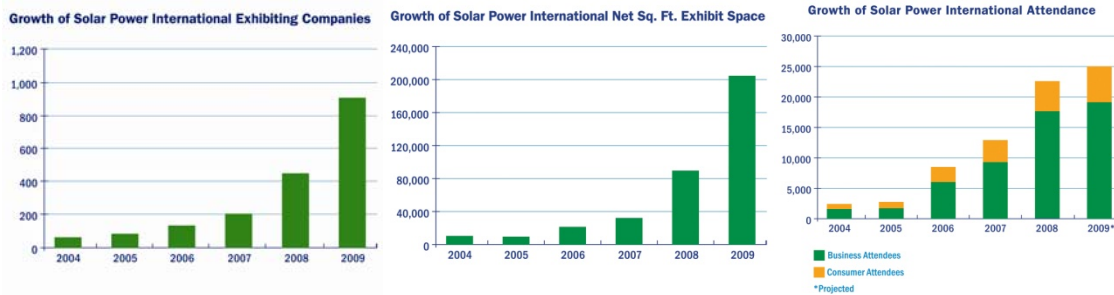
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Solar Power International Sells Out Exhibit Floor as 900+ Companies Reserve 203,900 Sq. Ft., More Than Doubling Show Size from 2008

Solar Power International recognized by Trade Show Week as one of the “Fastest 50” trade shows of 2009

Washington, D.C.—Solar Power International 2009, the largest business-to-business solar trade event in North America, will welcome 900+ companies from every part of the solar value chain to a sold-out exhibit floor at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA) and Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), co-presenters of Solar Power International since 2004, reported that the 2009 event will be more than double the size of the 2008 event, in terms of exhibiting companies and the net square footage of the trade show. More than 900 companies will exhibit, reserving a record 203,900 net sq. ft. of floor space. In 2008, Solar Power International had a total of 422 companies occupying 88,000 net sq. ft. of floor space.

Solar Power International has experienced rapid growth in recent years, matching the overall growth of the global solar industry and becoming the premier gateway for international companies conducting business in the U.S. solar market:



Solar Power International Receives *Tradeshaw Week's* “Fastest 50” Award

The global exhibition industry news magazine *Tradeshaw Week* recently announced that Solar Power International is among the 50 fastest growing tradeshows of 2009. The program identifies shows with the fastest growth based on 50 percent total net square footage growth and 50 percent net growth between 2006 and 2008. The 2009 roster includes 20 first-time winners. The TSW Fastest 50 winners will be honored at a November 13-15 celebration hosted by the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. For a complete list of winning shows, visit: www.TSWFastest50.com.

Solar Power International chair Julia Hamm responded to the announcement saying, “We are honored that the solar industry has continued to support the rapid growth of Solar Power International, which is a unique event in that it is sponsored totally by two non-profits, SEPA and SEIA. All of the proceeds of the show are reinvested back into policy, research, and education activities that support the continued and expedited growth of the U.S. solar market.”

Important Links and Deadlines

For updates on exhibit sales and registration, to view exhibiting companies and to read more about the conference and its history, please visit www.solarpowerinternational.com.

An online waitlist for exhibitors is now available through the [booth request link](#).

Some sponsorships are still available – interested parties should check the [sponsorship](#) section of the event Web site.

Attendees are invited to [register](#) by September 10 to receive the early-bird discount of \$100.

Solar Electric Power Association: SEPA is comprised of over 600 utilities and solar industry members. From national events to one-on-one counseling, SEPA is the go-to resource for unbiased and actionable solar intelligence. Breaking down information overload into business reality, SEPA takes the time and risk out of implementing solar business plans and helps turn new technologies into new opportunities. www.solarelectricpower.org

Solar Energy Industries Association: Established in 1974, the Solar Energy Industries Association is the national trade association of solar energy industry. As the voice of the industry, SEIA works to make solar a mainstream and significant energy source by expanding markets, removing market barriers, strengthening the industry and educating the public on the benefits of solar energy. www.seia.org

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