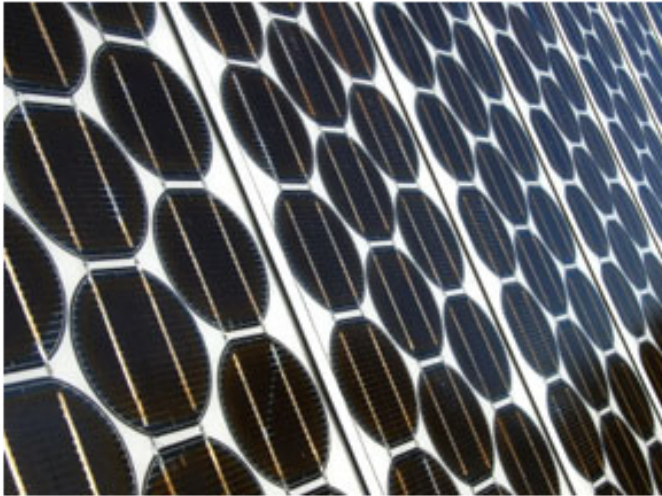


## Oregon to install solar highway

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PORTLAND, OREGON: Oregon will install the U.S.'s first solar demonstration project in a highway right-of-way, moving the state a step further in its role as a leader in renewable power development.

Portland General Electric (PGE), US Bank and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will collaborate on the project; SolarWorld AG of Hillsboro, Ore. will supply the solar panels, and PV Powered Inc. of Bend, Ore. will supply the inverter.

Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, PGE President and CEO Peggy Fowler, and Oregon Transmission Commission Chair Gail Achterman last week broke ground on the project, placing the first of 594 solar panels.

"Before the year is over, this ground will hold the nation's first Solar Highway project, and Oregon will make history using the power of the sun to light this interchange," Kulongoski said.

"More importantly, this project will represent a new era for energy in Oregon. It will represent a step forward toward our vision of an energy independent Oregon - and it will represent the endless opportunities before us to chart this course of clean, reliable and renewable energy for our state."

The project will help light the way for drivers at the Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 interchange in Tualatin.

The 104-kW solar photovoltaic system, covering about 8,000 square feet (743 sq m) and roughly the length of two football fields, will produce about 112,000 kWh/year, or 28 percent of the 400,000 kWh hours used to light the interchange. The US\$1.3 million project is expected to be completed and online in December 2008.