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**VALLEJO RECEIVES 2005 GREEN POWER LEADERSHIP AWARD
City Recognized for Building New Renewable Energy Projects**

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo was honored October 24, 2005 as a recipient of a 2005 Green Power Leadership Award for its commitment to on-site generation of renewable energy.

The annual awards, presented during the National Green Power Marketing Conference, are sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Center for Resource Solutions (CRS) to recognize organizations whose actions help advance the development of the nation's green power market. To see the full list of 2005 Green Power Leadership Award Winners go to www.epa.gov/greenpower/winners/index.htm.

“We’re honored to be recognized for our commitment to green power, especially in the area of solar power,” said Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli. “When we made the decision to invest in this technology, we had three goals: help the environment, generate electricity and generate savings. Generating this type of positive publicity is just a bonus.”

The Green Power Leadership Awards for green power purchasers is a component of the U.S. EPA's Green Power Partnership, a voluntary program providing technical assistance and public recognition to organizations who switch to green power for a portion of their electricity needs. Partners in the program include Fortune 500 companies, universities, institutions and state, local and federal agencies. The purchaser awards fall into three categories: On-site Generation, Green Power Purchasing and Green Power Partner of the Year.

The On-site Generation award received by Vallejo recognizes organizations that distinguish themselves by using impressive on-site renewable energy applications including, but not limited to, solar photovoltaic (PV) and wind energy projects. This year a panel of eight judges reviewed nearly 70 nominations based on criteria ranging from the amount of renewable electricity purchased or generated to each organization's strategy for incorporating green power into its operations and communications.

“We applaud Vallejo for its environmental leadership,” said Kurt Johnson, director of EPA's Green Power Partnership. “The City is providing an outstanding example for others to follow.”

When the State of California announced its goal of deploying enough renewable energy to meet 17 percent of its energy needs by 2006, the City of Vallejo began looking for ways to help meet the challenge while saving money on its energy purchases and improving the local environment. In March 2002, Vallejo undertook an aggressive solar electric generation program to supplement its electricity usage, installing four photovoltaic (PV) systems at city-owned facilities. Collectively, the installations are rated at 619 kilowatts and include multiple rooftop and ground-mounted systems.

As the City continues to explore other energy alternatives—from solar and wind power to clean air vehicles—Vallejo's leaders hope their new solar installations will inspire other cities to similarly

embrace renewable energy.

“We are proud to be honored for our efforts to help lead the nation toward more sustainable use of our shared energy resources,” said Vallejo City Manager Roger Kemp. “Vallejo’s Green Power Leadership Award helps demonstrate the significant difference an individual commitment can make in the growth of renewable energy.”

What is Green Power?

Green power is electricity generated from environmentally preferable renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas and low-impact hydro and biomass resources. These renewable energy sources are cleaner than traditional sources of electricity that generate carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas linked to global warming, and other air pollutants. Green power purchases support the development of new renewable energy capacity and projects by increasing the overall demand for power from renewable resources.

Additional information about the Green Power Partnership and the Green Power Leadership Awards is available at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower/>.

About the U.S. EPA’s Green Power Partnership

The Green Power Partnership is an EPA voluntary program that standardizes green power procurement as part of best practice environmental management. Partners in the program switch to green power for a portion of their electricity needs in return for EPA technical assistance and public recognition. The Green Power Partnership currently includes more than 600 Partners including Fortune 500 companies, government agencies, trade associations and universities — collectively purchasing over 3 billion kilowatt hours of green power annually. Additional information is available at <http://www.epa.gov/greenpower>.

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About the U.S. Department of Energy’s Green Power Network

The Green Power Network is the nation’s premier Web site providing green power market information. The Network’s Web site provides up-to-date information on green power providers, product offerings, consumer protection issues, and policies affecting green power markets. It also includes a reference library of relevant papers, articles and reports. The Green Power Network is operated and maintained by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the U.S. Department of Energy. Additional information is available at <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower>.

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