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Goodwill Adds Solar to Sustainability Platform

Los Angeles (February 7, 2013) – Goodwill Southern California (GSC) announced that after the 2012 completion of a 194.88 KW rooftop solar energy system at its San Fernando Valley regional headquarters (Lanark Street, Panorama City) it received a reimbursement check for \$448,680 from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP). The LADWP reimbursement will help fund GSC’s no-cost career programs and placement services for community members with disabilities and disadvantages, further advancing the agency’s mission of Transforming Lives Through the Power of Work. The project was developed, designed and managed by Natural Power and Energy and constructed by One Sun, Inc.

“As one of the nation’s largest recyclers, we’re no strangers to caring for the environment. But this project takes things up a notch, reinforcing our commitment to a largely self-sustaining and environmentally responsible business model,” said Craig Smith, GSC President and CEO. Last year GSC diverted 65.6 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills and has laid out plans within its strategic objectives to implement LEED standards in all new construction projects, reduce fuel consumption by 10% and achieve Zero Waste certification by 2015, among other environmental goals. These objectives are all aimed at supporting GSC’s four cornerstones: empowering individuals, advancing businesses, enriching communities and

caring for the earth.

“Goodwill’s environmental stewardship makes economic sense” said Rob Dallal, CEO of Natural Power and Energy. “Their new solar system provides Goodwill with three important benefits – immediate savings to their operating expenses, long-term cost containment from rising energy rates, and improved environmental air quality through reduction of carbon dioxide emissions.”

The system is comprised of 812 Kyocera solar modules that send DC electricity to two high-efficiency Advanced Energy inverters. The inverters convert the electricity into AC and send it to the power grid. LADWP has agreed to credit GSC any excess electricity produced through its net metering program. The resulting bill savings are estimated to be approximately \$38,000 in the first year of system operation for the 51,000 square foot facility. The system will provide approximately 92% of the facility’s energy needs from clean solar energy.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, we serve people with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals with disabilities and vocational disadvantages into sustainable employment through programs and services offered at three campuses, five Career Resource Centers and three WorkSource Centers throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission of “Transforming lives through the Power of Work” with proceeds generated from 72 retail stores and 44 attended donation centers. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 11 consecutive years; largely due to the fact GSC spends 93 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, last year GSC diverted 65.6 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is Good For Everyone! For more information about Goodwill Southern California, please call (888) 4-GOODWILL or visit www.GoodwillSoCal.org

About Natural Power and Energy

Natural Power and Energy is a community solar provider serving homeowners, companies and institutions in the Southwest with installation of high-quality solar systems and consulting services. Our mission is to spread solar generation throughout the United States by allowing people to take control of their future while reducing the impact of their energy use. So far, we have worked with homeowners, non-profits and corporations alike on solar generation projects totaling over 20 million watts. For more information about Natural Power and Energy, please visit www.naturalpowerandenergy.com.

About One Sun

One Sun, Inc. is a leading California provider of high-performance solar PV and thermal systems for public works, businesses, wineries, schools, and industrial facilities. For more information about One Sun please visit www.onesuninc.com.

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