



West Sacramento Lands Manufacturing Facility of Major German Solar Company

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Mounting Systems, a Rangsdorf, Germany-based supplier of solar mounting systems, has chosen West Sacramento for its first North American facility, the city announced Tuesday along with the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO) and the Governors Office of Economic Development.

The newly incorporated U.S. company has signed a lease for 59,000 square feet of industrial space with Riverside Business Center. Mounting Systems will begin manufacturing operations in January 2011. The U.S. company will report to Mounting Systems GmbH and is also a subsidiary of Conergy AG, a multi-billion company based in Germany.

The West Sacramento site is in an Enterprise Zone, which allows Mounting Systems to access certain tax benefits to support its operations. Tracey Schaal, vice president of strategic marketing for SACTO, said the Enterprise Zone was an attribute that kind of leveled the playing field with Phoenix. West Sacramento beat out Phoenix to land the headquarters and manufacturing operation, Schaal said. Mounting Systems will hire about 50 employees early next year and ramp up to 100 jobs, she said. Mounting Systems also wanted to be in a place where the company felt supported, Schaal said, adding that they really appreciated all of the support that they saw from SACTO.

Besides the obvious advantage of being in the hot spot of the solar market and a major logistical hub on the West Coast, we identified the Sacramento region as a place where everybody is determined to do whatever it takes to help a company get established, Kasim Ersoy, chief executive officer of Mounting Systems, said in a news release.

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