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VANESSA STEWART, CO-FOUNDER OF SOLTAGE, TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ENERGY CONFERENCE

Murdock, FL –July 22, 2009. Vanessa Stewart, co-founder and COO of Soltage, a developer and operator of solar energy stations, will deliver the keynote address at the **Energy Options Conference for a Brighter Southwest Florida** on November 2, 2009 at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda, FL.

The all-day conference is part of a two-day energy event, which will be hosted jointly by the Charlotte County Economic Development Office and Charlotte County Building Construction Services. The Energy Options Conference will feature panel discussions between leading business and industry experts in the alternative energy field on various energy issues. On November 1, Charlotte County Building Construction Services will host its Green Futures Expo, where established businesses and vendors will showcase a range of their green products and technologies.

In her keynote speech, Ms. Stewart will discuss the importance of lowering energy costs and improving environmental performance for businesses. Her company firmly believes in harnessing energy from the sun by combining the best technology, financial tools and infrastructure management experience to help businesses conquer the last "unmanaged business cost, electricity." With her extensive background in renewable energy, she will discuss the economic benefits of, as well as the financial factors involved in, developing further the field of alternative energy. In addition, she will talk about previous solar projects that Soltage has completed and how similar plans can be undertaken in Charlotte County and Southwest Florida.

A graduate of Stanford University and the Yale School of Management, Ms. Stewart has years of experience establishing policy on energy and emissions credit trading and air quality policy in California. Prior to founding Soltage, she launched several clean tech products as Best Available Control Technologies for the Oregon and Washington Departments of Transportation and Caltrans under a federal contract with the Environmental Protection Agency. Her energy management career includes utility-scale project finance consulting for Southwest Utilities and Native American Tribes, resource analysis and business development for a cellulose ethanol company, and energy consulting for the establishment of cogeneration feedstock and supply chains for the state of Oregon.

Policy decision makers from the federal, state and local levels are invited to the Energy Conference, as well as leading market makers in the field of alternative energy in the United States and Europe. Additional information is available at www.CharlotteCountyFl.com.

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