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A-1 Self-Storage Installs Solar PV Power at 15 New Mexico Facilities: Ribbon-Cutting To Be Held Aug. 26

New Mexico's A-1 Self-Storage recently completed installation of solar power at almost all of its facilities across the state.

A-1 expects the conversion to pay for itself in about seven years, and estimates it will save 487,658 kilowatt-hours of energy and prevent approximately 975,316 pounds of carbon from being emitted into the atmosphere each year. The installations also created four full-time jobs with Daybreak Solar, which installed the photovoltaic systems at all facilities.

To celebrate the solar conversion, **A-1 is holding a Green-Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26**, at one of its Albuquerque facilities. New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce President Lawrence Rael will be the featured speaker, and A-1 Self Storage will discuss the benefits of its conversion to solar and thank the businesses and employees involved.

"We at A-1 Self Storage are thrilled to be able to benefit the environment while enhancing our bottom line...it's a win/win situation for us as well as our community," said Murray Brott, Managing Director of A-1 Self Storage.

"We are proud of our partners at A-1 Self Storage for their strong commitment to a healthy environment, and we are proud to be creating green jobs for fellow New Mexicans. This is a great time for businesses to go solar," said Michael Stewart, president of Daybreak Solar.

A-1 took advantage of federal and state tax credits to reduce the cost of installation as well as renewable energy incentives from PNM. Please contact A-1 Self Storage if you'd like more information about the cost breakdown.

What: "Green" Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

When: 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26

Where: A-1 Self-Storage, 49 Hotel Circle NE, Albuquerque, NM, 87123 (NE of Eubank & I-40, through Best Buy parking lot)