

(Pennington, NJ) – U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu and Representative Rush Holt today toured Applied Photovoltaics in Pennington. With help from a Recovery Act-funded \$1.1 million clean energy manufacturing tax credit, Applied Photovoltaics will manufacture solar energy modules for use in building-integrated photovoltaics.

“Instead of viewing innovation as something to support only in booming economic times, we must recognize that innovation is vital to economic growth and job creation,” Holt said. “New Jersey always has been an innovation hub. We must remember that history, and we must nurture and support entrepreneurs, like the ones Secretary Chu and I visited today, who are bringing their innovations to market and building the foundations of our economy.”

"This is a great example of how the Recovery Act is helping innovative startup companies in New Jersey and across the nation," said Secretary Chu. "We are committed to building a strong, thriving clean energy economy in the United States, putting Americans to work and ensuring our long term competitiveness in the global race for clean energy jobs."

“We were delighted and honored to meet with Secretary Chu and Representative Holt. Both gentlemen recognize and appreciate the role that Building Integrated Photovoltaics (‘BIPV’) will play in our nation’s energy future and Applied Photovoltaic’s contribution to developing this clean energy source. Our 48C award for establishing an advanced energy manufacturing facility has given visibility and lent credibility to our efforts to obtain funding as we seek to create at least twenty-five American jobs to manufacture our BIPV products,” said Robert Lyndall of Applied Photovoltaics.

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