



## **Suniva Powers Georgia's Largest Solar Canopy for Laredo Bus Facility**

### ***1.2 MW Solar Array is the Second Largest Solar Canopy at a U.S. Transit System***

**Norcross, Ga. – Nov. 18, 2011** – [Suniva, Inc.](#), a U.S. manufacturer of high-efficiency crystalline silicon solar cells and modules, today announced that Georgia's largest solar canopy at the Laredo Bus Facility in Decatur, GA will be *Powered by Suniva™*. The 1.2 MW solar canopy is the second largest in the country at a U.S. transit system. The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the project this Friday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. ET.

"We're proud of the fact that Suniva's cells and modules, created here in Georgia, are being used to power the solar canopy at the Laredo Bus Facility," said Bryan Ashley, chief marketing officer for Suniva. "The solar canopy is the biggest project of its nature in Georgia, and will generate enough electricity to offset the majority of the facility's annual electricity consumption."

In 2009, MARTA received a \$10.8 million federal grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) Program. Thanks to this funding, the project has created new "green-collar" jobs in metro Atlanta and is harnessing clean, renewable solar power to operate the Laredo Bus Facility in a significantly more energy-efficient and cost-effective way. The project features 4,888 PV panels and will generate the same environmental benefit as planting more than 285 acres of trees a year.

"We're thrilled that the solar technology used to build the canopy for the bus facility was born out of Georgia Tech's PV lab. To be able to use home grown technology to power this landmark project is a clear demonstration of the clean energy innovation and leadership found here in Georgia," said MARTA Board Chairman Jim Durrett. "This project will further enhance MARTA's growing sustainability program, which already includes clean fuel buses, water reclamation and harvesting operations and waste recycling programs."

Suniva's high-efficiency modules contain more than 80 percent U.S. content and are fully "Buy America" compliant. For more information, please visit [www.suniva.com](http://www.suniva.com)

**About Suniva**

Based in metro-Atlanta, GA, Suniva® manufactures high-efficiency crystalline silicon solar cells and high-power solar modules using patented low-cost techniques. Led by an internationally regarded team of business executives and photovoltaic scientists, the Company leverages exclusive licenses to critical patents and patent-pending intellectual property developed by founder and CTO Dr. Ajeet Rohatgi at the Georgia Institute of Technology's University Center of Excellence for Photovoltaic Research, which is funded by the Department of Energy. Suniva sells its advanced solar cells and modules worldwide and is dedicated to making solar generated electricity cost competitive with fossil fuels. For additional information on how Suniva is making solar more sensible in the global market, please visit [www.suniva.com](http://www.suniva.com).

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