

## Governors Pataki and Schwarzenegger Tour the Solaire in Downtown Manhattan

*CEO of altPOWER demonstrates building's one of a kind BIPV system*

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Solaire Building, New York, NY – Governor George E. Pataki of New York and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California visited the Solaire Building yesterday afternoon, including a tour of the solar array on the bulkhead led by altPOWER

CEO Anthony Pereira. On the tour, Pereira talked with the Governors about the building's 33 kW of building integrated photovoltaics(BIPV), composed of three separate systems on the roof, façade, and entrance canopy. He also pointed out three other BIPV Projects near the Solaire: TriBeCa Green and the Verdesian which were recently completed and 1 River Terrace, currently under construction.



*Pereira talking with Schwarzenegger and Pataki on the roof of Solaire.*

Just like the Solaire, these buildings are environmentally responsible, a trait which has been emphasized in marketing campaigns. After viewing the panels, Pereira demonstrated the solar system's live web feed which has real-time data on power production and pollution reduction from the solar systems. The link for the live feed can be found at [www.altPOWER.com](http://www.altPOWER.com) under 'recent projects.'



"Its always good for the solar industry and green building in general when important officials like Governors Pataki and Scharzenegger take tours and hold press conferences highlighting the issues," Pereira said. "The Solaire is a building that we are very proud of because it represents the future of building construction and we are currently working on several similar projects."

*Susan Kaplan of the Battery Park City Authority, Schwarzenegger, Pataki and Pereira admire the Solaire's bulkhead BIPV array*

The tour occurred right before Pataki and Scharzenegger announced plans for New York and California to collaborate on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative(RGGI), an organization of Northeastern states seeking to implement a cap-and-trade program for Carbon Dioxide emissions. In the press conference, Pataki cited the 20,000 lbs of CO<sub>2</sub> saved from the atmosphere as a result of the use of photovoltaics on the Façade.



*Pereira talking with reporters in front of the Verdesian next door*

The Solaire and Verdesian were both made possible through funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority(NYSERDA). The agency, which has been cited by the US Department of Energy as among the best government research organizations in North America, has been instrumental in bringing photovoltaics to New York through a range of programs. For more information on NYSEERDA's activities, please visit their website at [www.NYSERDA.org](http://www.NYSERDA.org)

#### About altPOWER Inc

altPOWER Inc was founded to provide expertise in the field of renewable energy with a focus on solar-electric systems, especially building integrated photovoltaics(BIPV) where solar panels are incorporated into the shell of new buildings. The market leader in New York City, altPOWER offers equipment supply, system design and installation, consulting services, feasibility/cost studies and other renewable energy services.

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