

## Obama visits Bend's PV Powered

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BEND, Ore. -- Solar inverter manufacturer, PV Powered, Inc. was honored to have Senator and Democratic presidential candidate, Barack Obama, visit the company's facilities while campaigning in Oregon this past weekend. During his visit, Senator Obama met with PV Powered management and employees, toured the company's manufacturing, engineering, and test facilities and learned about PV Powered's industry-leading residential and commercial solar inverters.

Sen. Obama receives a tour from Gregg Patterson, CEO of PV Powered In a press conference held at PV Powered, Obama delivered a strongly supportive speech on current and future renewable energy issues, referring to PV Powered as "a workshop of the future." He stated that, "Places like [PV Powered] are part of the reason Oregon is such a leader in clean energy and this is an election where we have a chance to finally have a President that shows the same kind of leadership." He went on to outline his proposal to invest \$150 billion over ten years to establish a green energy sector, create up to 5 million new green jobs, and "help ensure that companies like PV Powered have the support they need."

Gregg Patterson, CEO of PV Powered, thanked Senator Obama for his leadership and encouraged him to support the extension and expansion of the federal investment tax credit (ITC) in order to maintain the economic momentum and job growth of U.S. solar companies. Commenting on the visit, Patterson said, "He was incredibly warm, very genuine, sincere, and engaging. He was deeply interested in the challenges and opportunities around renewable energy and what our experiences have been." About PV Powered Founded in 2003 and based in Bend, Oregon, PV Powered is the largest US-based manufacturer of solar power inverter technology, with a comprehensive product line serving both the residential and commercial markets. Designed for highest reliability and manufactured in the U.S.A., PV Powered products have the highest efficiency ratings in the solar market today. With thousands of its products in use nationwide, PV Powered combines one of the most experienced design teams in solar power electronics with a commitment to superior service and support.

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