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## **Solatube Daylighting Systems Aid DPR Construction in Bid For First Net-Zero Energy Building in San Francisco**

**VISTA, CALIF.** (December 15, 2014) — [Solatube Daylighting Systems](#) may become part of history if the new [DPR Construction San Francisco](#) office they were recently installed in achieves the city's first Net-Zero Energy building (NZEB) designation. As a national builder specializing in highly technical and sustainable projects, DPR designed the building to serve as a "living lab" so others could experience the newest and most innovative energy efficient products firsthand.

Located at 945 Front Street, the 24,000 square-foot building houses DPR's existing full-time employees while leaving room to expand in the future. To qualify for NZEB certification by the International Living Future Institute through its Living Building Challenge program, the building must produce as much energy or more than it consumes.

Nineteen Solatube SolaMaster® Series 750 DS units, provided by worldwide leading tubular daylighting device manufacturer Solatube International, Inc., aid in this endeavor by capturing, transferring and delivering bright daylight into the building interior. The units' sustainable design makes it possible to provide illumination using the power of the sun rather than the power of electricity.

"From an energy perspective, Solatube products have been a critical component of our Net-Zero Energy design," said Mike Humphrey, regional manager, DPR Construction. "From a cultural perspective, they have changed the way we behave in our space. People are constantly challenging why we need to have lights on the second floor at all."

If the new building receives Net-Zero Energy Building certification, it will be the third DPR building to be awarded the designation. It will also be the third to use Solatube Daylighting

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Systems. DPR's Phoenix office received NZEB certification in 2013 and the company's San Diego office in 2014. DPR also constructed the Net- Zero Energy building for The David and Lucile Packard Foundation Headquarters in Los Altos.

The design team included design firm FME Architecture + Design, consulting firm Integral Group and Solatube Commercial Distributor Collier Building Specialties.

Solatube Daylighting Systems are available through factory-trained Solatube Commercial Distributors. For more information, please visit <http://www.solatube.com/commercial>.

#### **About Solatube International**

Solatube International, Inc., widely recognized as the daylighting industry innovator, has earned worldwide acclaim for its unrivaled ability to transform interior spaces with natural light. Based in California, the company is the leading manufacturer and marketer of tubular daylighting devices (TDDs) for all types of residential and commercial applications, and it continues to innovate with groundbreaking products that increase energy efficiency and light output, such as the award-winning Smart LED System and the high output SkyVault Series. For more information about the company and its related products, visit [www.solatube.com](http://www.solatube.com) or call 888-SOLATUBE.

#### **About DPR Construction**

DPR Construction is a forward-thinking national general contractor and construction manager specializing in technically complex and sustainable projects for the advanced technology/mission critical, life sciences, healthcare, higher education and corporate office markets. Founded in 1990, DPR is a privately held, employee-owned company that has grown to a multi-billion-dollar organization with offices around the country, making it one of the largest general contractors in the nation and a great story of entrepreneurial success. It is currently ranked No. 10 on FORTUNE's "100 Best Companies to Work For" list and was recently identified as Largest Private Company in Silicon Valley in Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal's list of the 75 largest private companies in Silicon Valley.

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