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OU to showcase solar roof project during Solar Tour

Rochester, Michigan, September 24, 2004 — Oakland University will showcase its 10-kilowatt solar electric roof project located on the university's campus as part of the American Solar Energy Society's 9th Annual National Solar Tour, which begins Saturday, Oct. 2 and will be held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

"The National Solar Tour gives people the chance to meet directly with others who have incorporated energy efficiency and solar design features in their buildings to save energy," said Brad Collins, American Solar Energy Society's executive director. "Visitors can experience the comfort of increased daylight in buildings, learn about the benefits of solar and other forms of renewable energy, watch electric meters run backwards, and see the actual savings on utility bills in buildings in their community. But most importantly, they can learn from their neighbors about what works in their town."

The Oakland University solar roof project is located at 4000 Meadow Brook Drive and is an example of a building-integrated photovoltaic system using a unique, solar-electric shingle. This system generates more than 1,000 kilowatt-hours per year, or enough energy to power two or three modest-sized homes.

The tour consists of more than 1,800 homes, businesses and public buildings open to visitors in 800 communities across the U.S. Participants will have the opportunity to see first-hand the successful use of many forms of renewable energy, including passive solar design, wind energy, solar hot water and solar-electric generating systems in a variety of buildings.

For more information, visit www.ouenergy.com. For other locations on the tour, visit the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association's web site at www.glrea.org.

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