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Nexttronex's Own Greg Knudson Speaks at the Toledo Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting Titled: Got Solar?

Nexttronex, Inc. was proud to support Greg Knudson, our VP of Sales and Marketing, and other local solar leaders including Dave Heidenreich of the EBO Group and Craig Winn of Applied Energy Technologies. Mark V'Soske, the President of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, introduced the speakers and kicked-off the session by emphasizing the importance of solar to the nation, our region as well as our local solar-related businesses and organizations.

"Our Chamber has identified roughly 50 companies engaged in the solar industry today and estimates the region will employ some 2,500 solar-related jobs in 2012. And the Toledo Regional Growth Partnership estimates that more than 6,000 people in Northwest Ohio work at firms that contribute to the solar industry." Greg stated.

Greg took the audience of some 600 local business representatives through the history of solar coming to our region. As you can guess, it all started with the glass. Thanks again to Edward Libby and his move from the East Coast to bring his glass company here, we are still enjoying that foresight. Mr. Libby saw in Toledo excellent transportation, available gas supplies, high quality sand, and a fantastic labor pool. This was over 100 years ago, and today, we still have those same attributes that make Toledo a smart choice for company attraction. The growing solar supply chain of some 50 companies now incorporates university research, material suppliers, specialty machining companies, solar inverter, racking and tracking companies, professional service providers, solar panel manufacturers and engineering and installation companies. All of these companies and organizations create the complex continuum of the solar supply chain in the region.

Many regional organizations and companies have selected solar as their next energy choice including: The Toledo Museum of Art, Pilkington Glass R&D Center, The Veterans' Glass City Skyway, Collins Park Water Treatment Plant, Campbell's Soup processing plant, The Ohio Air National Guard at the Toledo airport, The Toledo Zoo and many others.

The final message to come from the Toledo Regional Chamber meeting was on team work! Let's continue to work together as a region to grow our solar industry cluster - not only for the sake of our region and our local businesses but for the benefit of the globe. As Dave Heidenreich predicted, solar installation and use will go the way of computers. Computing power used to take a city block and now you are likely reading this from your hand held smart device. Similarly, solar volume and use will grow and will become less expensive and easy to use which will allow it to compete with the energy sources on which we currently rely. Thanks to the support of the Toledo Regional Chamber Solar Initiative, we will focus on growing and supporting our regional solar cluster.

Got Solar?

To see the Channel 11 News Release please visit: <http://www.wtol.com/story/16611831/solar-panel-manufacturers-not-worried-about-cuts>

About Nexttronex

Nexttronex, Inc., is a manufacturer of non-residential and utility scale solar inverter systems 100 kW and larger. Founded in 2008, the company received initial funding for research and development via private venture capital in Northwest Ohio. The company is focused on solar energy optimization through intelligent balance of systems design and offers components from the array wiring through the utility interconnection and is a leader in the promotion of high efficiency 1000 V systems. For more information please visit www.nexttronex.com or call 419-838-7889.

The Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce

Serving a membership of over 2600 businesses, is the collective voice for the Northwest Ohio business community. Anyone wanting to learn more about the Chamber's Solar Initiative can contact Wendy Gramza, Executive Vice President of the Chamber at wendy.gramza@toledochamber.com or 419-243-8191, ext 246.