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## **Toledo's Solar Advancements Highlighted by Associated Press**

TOLEDO, Ohio - Toledo and northwest Ohio's advancements in the solar industry have attracted national media attention once again. This time, the Associated Press has written a story highlighting the area's solar companies and institutions which are helping turn the city into a "research hub" for converting sunlight into energy.

<http://www.ohio.com/news/ap?articleID=1229984&c=y>

"The city's link to the glass industry makes solar a natural match and gives it an advantage over emerging solar research centers in California and Colorado," the story says in describing Toledo.

Companies including Xunlight, First Solar, Calyxo USA, and the University of Toledo are all featured, as well as the late Harold McMaster, a pioneer in the glass industry who led the research and development into the solar industry.

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The AP story developed as a result of the Regional Growth Partnership's editorial marketing program, designed to target and attract national media coverage by promoting the successes and assets of our region. Over the past year, the program's efforts have led to prominent placements in Newsweek, the Wall Street Journal, CNN and Fox Business News.

"The AP story is another example of our region's successful efforts in transitioning to a knowledge-based economy," said Steve Weathers, president and CEO of the Regional Growth Partnership. "We are proud of this national recognition for our community and pleased that our editorial marketing program continues to produce such outstanding opportunities to showcase our region."

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering local, national and international economic growth opportunities for northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

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