



\$5.9 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDING AWARDED TO CREATE NEW NEVADA SOLAR MANUFACTURING JOBS

(January 8, 2010 – Washington, D.C.) Congresswoman Shelley Berkley today announced that solar cell manufacturer Amonix will receive \$5.9 million in federal stimulus funding to create clean energy manufacturing jobs in Nevada. Berkley was notified by the White House about the funding to bring the new solar manufacturing jobs to Nevada this afternoon.

“This funding will be used to create Nevada jobs involved in the manufacturing of highly efficient solar panels that increase the amount of clean energy that can be harnessed from every ray of sunshine. We are working to make Nevada a world leader in the use and production of solar energy and this \$5.9 million awarded to Amonix under the Recovery Act will soon mean green job creation right here in the Silver State,” said Berkley, who voted in favor of the Recovery Act.

According to Brian Robertson, CEO of Amonix, “We’re pleased and honored to have received an allocation under the tax credit program. This meaningful federal program will create jobs and have a positive impact upon Nevada and Arizona.”

U.S. based Amonix (www.amonix.com) will use the funds to manufacture low-cost solar electricity systems in Nevada using inexpensive plastic lenses that concentrate sunlight. The systems generate 500 times more solar electric power from small, high efficiency solar cells. The concentrated solar PV company was granted \$9.5 million in Recovery Act Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits for Nevada and Arizona.

The project is being funded through the federal Recovery Act’s Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit. These stimulus tax credits are focused on creating renewable energy projects, including the manufacturing of solar cells. In addition to the \$5.9 million for work in Nevada, Amonix also received \$3.6 million for manufacturing work in Arizona.

The investment tax credits, worth up to thirty percent of each planned project, will leverage private capital for a total investment of nearly \$7.7 billion in high-tech manufacturing in the United States.