

SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE

FINAL REPORT

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ABSTRACT

A one-day multi-state, Midwest Solar Energy Conference was held in Dearborn, Michigan, on May 24, 1977. A major conference objective was to generate increased manufacturing interest and design activity in the production of components, materials, and systems for solar energy applications. The attendees included 450 specialists in manufacturing, engineering, architecture and development having potential interest in solar energy utilization. This exceeds the target figures by 100 percent. The mix of attendees was also excellent. There were 107 representatives of manufacturing companies, 90 architects and engineers, 44 from construction, 48 public officials, and 29 from schools and community colleges.

There were eleven press people, including major television, newspapers, magazines, and feature writers. A highlight of the exhibits was a visit by CBS TV-2, one of Detroit's largest stations. They featured the solar exhibits on two to three minutes of prime time during the evening news.

Four physical exhibits were set up at the conference.

The overall rating of the seminar by attendees was very high with 95 percent rating it either "excellent" or "good" and five percent "fair." Feedback questionnaires were filled out by 250 of the attendees. Ninety-two percent of attendees rated the conference either "very useful" or "fairly useful." More than two hundred question cards were received from the floor and all were discussed. Approximately one in three of those with company affiliations said they would work on increased business or company involvement with solar.

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance at the Solar Energy seminar was over 450 and exceeded the target figures by 100 percent. (The proposed target figures were 150 to 250). The mix of attendees was also excellent when measured against the target groups as indicated in the proposal (Exhibit A).

There were 107 representatives of manufacturing companies, including every major manufacturer in Michigan. The largest companies were represented by several people from various states, divisions, and technical interests. In addition to these there were 15 specialized solar manufacturing and service firms.

Architects and engineers totaled 90. This is an especially impressive figure when one considers the professional time taken from the busy season and the payment of a registration fee. It probably indicates both a high level of interest in solar energy among this group and an effective communications program in reaching them.

There were 44 from construction companies and housing development - 11 from plumbing and heating.

Public officials totaled 48 including many from city and county departments, several state agency officials and several legislative staff members.

Schools and community colleges totaled 29, excluding University staff.

There were 13 utilities representatives which is good representation considering that only a few companies operate in the region.

There were eleven press people, including major television, newspapers, magazines, and feature writers.

Financial institutions were lightly represented at 7 which reflects the focus of the program.

There were 48 attendees who identified themselves as home owners, housewives, or whose affiliation was not clearly identified. A complete list of attendees is attached as Exhibit B.

SOLAR SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Manufacturing Industry	107
Architects & Engineers	90
Public Officials	48
Housing Construction & Development	44
Schools & Community Colleges	29
Solar Companies	15
Commercial Services	13
Utilities	13
Plumbing and Heating	11
Financial Institutions	7
Press	11
Home owners, Housewives or Miscellaneous	48
Speakers, Staff and Guests	<u>35</u>
TOTAL	451

Pre-Publicity and Press Coverage

Two press releases were distributed. The University of Michigan Information Services called several key press contacts to alert them, and mailed press releases and brochures. They handled press requests for speaker background and interviews and referred press requests for technical information and complimentary registrations. Press notices of the seminar contributed to attendance.

Coverage of the event itself was good. Feature articles are still being prepared for such publications as Iron Age one month following the seminar. Television coverage was outstanding, especially for the exhibitors and the keynote speakers.

Brochure Mailing

Conference brochures (Exhibit C) were mailed to selected lists of target attendees in midwestern states. The mailings were concentrated in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, with broader coverage to more distant states for some groups. For example, architects, utilities, and savings and loan institutions were mailed in several midwestern states (Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York) whereas plumbing and heating and several classes of manufacturing companies were limited to two or three states.

Mailing lists were purchased selectively. For example, they were picked on the basis of volume of business done in some categories. In other cases, the number of states covered on the available lists was considered along with the expected distance that the attendee category might be able to travel to attend a seminar of this type.

Mailings were made to the following categories of prospective attendees:

Architects	MI, OH, IN, IL, PA, WI
Banks	MI, OH, IN, IL
Building Inspectors	MI, OH, IN, IL
City Governments	MI, OH, IN, IL
Community Colleges	MI
Community Planners	MI, OH
Glass Contractors	MI, OH
Heating Equipment Manufacturers	MI, OH, IN, IL
Home Builders	MI, OH, IN
Mechanical Contractors	MI, OH, IN
Mobile Home Manufacturers	MI, OH, IN

Plumbing and Heating Contractors	MI, OH
Plumbing Manufacturers	MI, OH, IN, IL
Plywood Manufacturing	MI, OH, IN, IL
Prefab Building Manufacturing	MI, OH, IN, IL
Savings & Loan Associations	MI, OH, IN
School Administrators	MI
State Legislators	MI
Swimming Pool Construction Companies	MI
Utilities (Chief Executives)	MI, OH, IN, IL

Presentations

A recording was made of all papers presented as well as discussions of questions. The recordings were transcribed and those sections which could communicate without accompanying slides were edited. Most of the presentations used numerous slides of graphs, tables, and pictures, and therefore, the taped records alone were not meaningful in these cases.

The question of a possible publication from the seminar was reviewed and it was determined that it would not be practical to use the tapes as a basis for a publication for several reasons. The presentations were made in capsulized form due to the time limitation of the briefing procedure. Therefore, the tapes did not produce language suitable for editing to publication completeness and quality. The exceptional number of slides with relatively little continuity text in the tapes would leave a great deal of extra writing for speakers to do. There was no previous agreement to go back to the speakers for additional work and there was not a provision in the budget to compensate speakers for additional writing.

For these reasons a decision was made to forego any follow on proposal for a publication.

The keynote speeches were more complete and have been edited. Copies are attached as exhibit D.

Displays

Four physical exhibits were set up at the conference. These were supervised at all times by personnel of the exhibit sponsors and were visited by conference attendees during registration, breaks, lunch, and at adjournment. In addition, many individuals took personal breaks from the main conference to visit the exhibits.

A highlight of the exhibits was a visit by TV-2, one of Detroit's largest stations. The television crews spent an hour at the conference and featured the exhibits on two to three minutes of prime time during the evening news.

Exhibitors

1. Owens Illinois, Toledo, Ohio
A mobile solar exhibit set up in the parking lot.
2. Champion Homes, Dryden, Michigan
A solar heating unit set up in the lobby and in the parking lot.
3. Daystar Energetics, Birmingham, Michigan
Working display in lobby.
4. Refrigeration Research, Brighton, Michigan
Functional display in lobby.
5. Michigan Solar Association, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Table with handouts in lobby.

Management Seminar Check List

A check list of staff functions and responsibilities for the day of the seminar was prepared in advance and reviewed with the staff. A copy of this check list is enclosed (Exhibit E) as a record of the level of attention to detail.

A precise time schedule was prepared and distributed to speakers (Exhibit F). A timing-control light was used throughout the day to keep speakers on schedule by using green, amber, and red signals.

SEMINAR EVALUATION BY ATTENDEES

Seminar evaluation questionnaires (Exhibit E) were distributed to attendees with the request that they be filled out and returned to the staff or a "ballot box" at the door. Sixty percent of the questionnaires were filled out and returned.

Questions 1, 2, and 3 - Evaluation and Suggestions for Improvement

Overall rating of the seminar by attendees was very high with 95 percent rating it either "excellent" or "good" and five percent "fair." Feedback questionnaires were filled out by 250 of the attendees. Ninety-two percent of attendees rated the conference either "very useful" or "fairly useful," (32 percent and 57 percent respectively). Seven percent said that it was of "relatively little use" and less than one percent said it was of no use to them. Suggestions for improvement included requests for attendance lists, more technical handouts, copies of speeches, and more physical exhibits. There were several requests for fewer speakers and more time for questions from the floor. (Note: more than two hundred question cards were received from the floor and all were discussed. However, most of the discussion was scheduled rapidly at the end of the seminar.)

There were 21 requests for more technical detail and 7 for less technical detail which may indicate some balance on this issue.

There were a few requests for a non-smoking area although the air quality was quite good considering the size of the group. There were 9 requests for more light for note taking during slide presentations.

4. Topics for Future Briefings

Suggestions for future briefings were spread widely over 26 different issues. Specific problems and details of installation and use of solar systems led the list of suggestions. Cost effectiveness, payback, and solar economics were in the second group of requests. Each of the following items were requested by more than ten attendees: discussion design details, solar energy conversion to electricity (photovoltaic cells), heat pumps, solar hardware, history, and performance of specific installations.

5. Follow-Up Activities Requested

One third of those at the seminar specifically requested follow-up distribution of papers or publications. Twelve percent requested source lists or bibliographies for available technical data. Ten percent requested notification of other programs, newsletters, or solar publications. There were three requests for more information on government assistance programs.

There were several requests for annual briefings on solar subjects, or one day sessions periodically through the year. A few requested lists of names and addresses of attendees.

6. Specific Actions to be Taken by Attendees as a Result of This Briefing

Apparently the level of enthusiasm to do more in the solar field was very high at the end of the seminar. Approximately one in three of those with company affiliations said they would work on increased business or company involvement with solar.

"Locate areas where Dow Chemical may participate in this developing industry."

"Recommend active product involvement by Ford Motor Company."

"As product planning manager of Ford Glass Division, I intend to make a proposal for indepth corporation study."

Twenty-nine persons said they would consider, or go ahead with personal home solar applications.

Thirty-nine said they would do further intensified study or research in solar applications.

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

In accordance with discussions between Mr. Charles Hayes of the Technology Transfer Branch and Mr. Michael Conboy of our staff, we are pleased to submit the attached proposal to conduct a Midwest Solar Energy Conference in Michigan in Spring 1977.

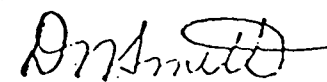
The Industrial Development Division has made a commitment to solar energy information dissemination. During the next several years we plan to emphasize the technology and the industrial growth potential of solar equipment, materials, and services.

For your background information, the Industrial Development Division has conducted approximately sixty conferences and seminars on topical technology during the past fifteen years. The Division has produced forty publications during that period, many resulting from the conferences.

In our solar technology dissemination efforts, we would be pleased to work with the Technology Transfer Branch of the Division of Solar Energy. This would seem to be a logical and mutually advantageous situation.

If you have questions about the proposal or our group, please contact us. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


D. N. Smith
Director

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cc: Mr. Charles Hayes

PROPOSAL


TO CONDUCT A MIDWEST SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE
AND PROVIDE FOR FOLLOW-UP AND
EVALUATION OF RESULTS

Submitted to

Energy Research & Development Agency
Division of Solar Energy/Technology Transfer Branch

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January 13, 1977

ABSTRACT

A one-day multi-state, Midwest Solar Energy Conference is proposed for Spring 1977 to be held in the southeast Michigan area. The target attendees would be approximately 150 to 250 specialists in manufacturing, engineering, architecture and development having potential interest in solar energy utilization. A major conference objective would be to generate increased manufacturing interest and design activity in the production of components, materials, and systems for solar energy applications.

Purpose:

Through dissemination of information on solar technology and its industrial production potentials, Midwest manufacturers will be motivated to produce solar materials, components, and products. Professionals such as architects, engineers, and product planners, will be alerted to the specific potentials of solar energy as related to each of their fields. Developers of housing, commercial, and industrial building projects will be motivated to investigate the long-term cost implications of solar energy designs.

Scope of Work:

Objectives

The conference supplemented by its preliminary communication and follow-up actions will be designed to accomplish three things:

- a. To advance the level of understanding of solar potentials and problems in the industrial process and related professional community in the midwest.
- b. To increase interest in investment of time and money in solar equipment, production, and developments by midwest corporations and firms.
- c. To improve demand for solar energy equipment in industrial processes, heating and cooling of homes and other buildings.

Strategy

The objectives of solar information dissemination and industry response, in terms of revised thinking and future investment, will be achieved through the following methods:

- a. Interest will be aroused through a broad mailing and attendant publicity for a solar conference.
- b. Direct communication during the conference will interest professionals, manufacturers, and developers.
- c. Follow-up communications will be generated with conference attendees for evaluation of the programs and with those on the original mailing list for promotion of other solar activities and publications.

Statement of Work

A broad mailing (15,000) copies of an attractive and informative conference brochure will be made throughout three midwestern states. The brochure will be a promotional piece for creating interest in solar development as well as an invitation to attend the conference.

The conference will be organized featuring nationally known spokesmen for solar energy development and applications, and will include question and answer sessions designed to enhance audience participation. The information presented will be tailored to the specific interests of the conference attendees.

Among speakers tentatively planned for participation in the conference are George Lof, of Solaron, David Moore of DHUD, Henry Leck of Champion Homes, and Harry Fisher and David Fenton, both of whom are solar consultants in industrial applications. University speakers include Professors John A. Clark and Peters Oppermann.

The University of Michigan will employ a comprehensive follow-on plan including:

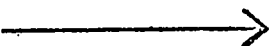
1. Contacting each attendee to ascertain what he needs to further his solar efforts.
2. Reviewing tapes to evaluate potential publications.
3. Encouraging attendees to contact the Industrial Development Division for additional solar information.

4. Coordinating requests for additional information with existing offices and information resources of ERDA.
5. Evaluating inputs to assess needs for:
 - a. Additional seminars and short courses
 - b. Preparing special monographs tailored to stated needs of audience
 - c. If warranted, the setting up of a solar research center at The University of Michigan which in part will aid companies to develop and manufacture solar products.

Weeks from beginning of Project

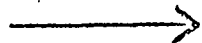
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Planning-6 weeks



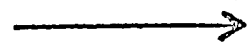
- Prepare program
- Obtain speakers
- Select date
- Obtain site

Promotion



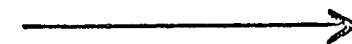
- 1) Prepare brochure
- 2) Prepare mailing list
- 3) Make mailing
- 4) Press release

Final Plans

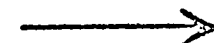


- 1) Check response
- 2) Brief speakers
- 3) Obtain papers
- 4) Review site plans and arrangements
- 5) Arrange publicity

HOLD CONFERENCE
DURING 18TH WEEK
APPROXIMATELY



Follow-up



- 1) Prepare Evaluation
- 2) Summary Report
- 3) Evaluate possible publication

Management Approach:

The project and conference will be managed by the Industrial Development Division supported by the Conference Department of The University of Michigan. Mr. Donald N. Smith, Director of the Division, will be the principal investigator and will be responsible for the Conference. Under Mr. Smith's direction, this division has held sixty conferences and produced 40 publications during the past fifteen years.

The University Conference Department will assign a professional conference coordinator to the project and will assist with site selection, brochure preparation, recording, and follow-up.

Dr. John A. Clark, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at The University of Michigan and one of its leading advocates of solar energy for many years, will be Conference General Co-chairman.

Robert Metcalf, Dean of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, The University of Michigan, will be Conference Co-chairman.

Mr. Michael Conboy, Staff Consultant to the Industrial Development Division, will provide staff assistance for the project. Mr. Conboy was State Director of the Office of Economic Expansion in Michigan for nine years and is knowledgeable concerning midwest manufacturing industry and its growth potentials.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

The principal services to ERDA will be the complete administration and management of a Midwest Solar Energy Conference including preliminary planning and documentation and follow-up activities, including evaluation.

Products will include the conference brochure, copies of papers delivered, and a summary report of the conference. The question of a publication will be left open until after the conference and will depend on the quality of the presentations and the interest in them. Neither the scope of work nor the proposed budget include plans for a publication at this stage, although a decision to publish later is a distinct possibility.

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BUDGET

Printing conference brochures	\$1,100.00
Mailing brochures	900.00
Purchased professional services Assistance in planning, obtaining speakers, and managing conference	2,000.00
Speakers' honoraria	1,800.00
Speakers' travel costs	1,000.00
Miscellaneous costs Recording, reproduction	<u>200.00</u>
Total ERDA cost share	\$7,000.00

University contribution

Clerical staff	\$ 900.00
Management cost	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total University contribution	\$2,100.00

TOTAL BUDGET FOR CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP	<u>\$9,100.00</u>
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SOLAR ENERGY KEY NOTE SPEECHES

SOLAR ENERGY CONFERENCE TRANSCRIPTS

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Perhaps President Carter's remarks a month or so ago have had an important bearing on the interest shown by this large turnout in the subject matter today. I think there may be one other reason though: who will ever forget the winter of 1976-77? Now, I'm not in a position to prove this to you this morning, but I think I probably could, given enough time. You remember those cold days in January that were just as bright as a bell? My guess is that the massive solar inputs to our various buildings and homes had a lot to do with our surviving as well as we did in the winter of 1976-77. It's winters like that one that remind us that when we deal with averages we must always keep in mind that sometime we're going to run into those minus three sigmas, that vary from the average as this winter did.

Let me also express greetings from the College of Engineering at the University at Ann Arbor, to all of you at this conference this morning. We have a number of goals and objectives that we'd like to achieve. We want to provide an up-date and an authoritative perspective on solar energy utilization, directed toward the problems of heating and cooling, and, in this case, primarily of buildings--residences and industrial buildings, and in industrial processes, as well, when our time will permit.

These, as you may have gathered from your own reading, are the processes that are expected to become most widely available in the near term in the field of solar energy. These are the ones that have already undergone a great deal of technical development and that, therefore, will be and are being applied on a fairly broad scale. We would also like to provide a summary status of opportunities, applications, problems, and potentials, primarily for Michigan and the North Central region of the country. We also want to identify as best we can, the role of solar energy in meeting the nation's energy needs.

We also have a number of exhibits out in the lobby, and these exhibits are for solar energy products that exist now and are being marketed in Michigan and in closely surrounding regions. There are also a number of brochures describing products that may not be in the exhibit itself. In addition, on exhibit in the parking lot there is Champion Homes' solar furnace, as well as another exhibit from Owens-Illinois, in Toledo, a company that manufactures a very fine collector.

Sometimes I get the feeling as I talk to people and read about solar energy in the newspapers that in many ways a public view of this very important process is somewhat like that of a philosopher, who, looking up into the sky, decided that probably the moon was the most important of all the celestial objects. His reasoning was that it's really at night when we need the light, and the moon is out at night and it provides us light when we

need it; whereas during the day, we have all the light we need, so what is the real role of the sun?

Now, in terms of products and services we have existing today (and some of the exhibits you see outside show this to be true), there is in fact, already, a growing and quite healthy solar energy industry. This year the total sales of products and services will probably be approximately \$100 million in the United States alone. In the next few years--it's always hard to make a good projection--but say, by the 1980-1985 period, very likely this industry will grow to at least the billion-dollar range. And by the year 2000, although that is a long projection, it will increase another ten-fold.

So we have before us an opportunity of unusual proportions; it's probably going to be a rapidly growing industry, that will grow much more rapidly than the auto industry, going from a \$100 million this year to \$1 billion in perhaps five or ten years, to \$10 billion by the year 2000. Now these are projections, based on what analysts expect to be a reasonable growth. Certainly the field is growing, the square feet of collectors--I don't have the exact figures in front of me--are almost doubling on the half-year basis; at any rate, the growth of these products is remarkable. At the same time, the various professional societies that may be involved, for example, the American Society of Refrigeration, Air-Conditioning and Heating Engineers are developing standards for this equipment, so that manufacturers of products will have standards to meet in their various product lines. These are all signs of

a growing and healthy industry, particularly in the field of solar energy utilization for heating and cooling.

Of course, we all know, I suppose, why we're interested in solar energy though there can be many different reasons. Certainly, the energy need of our nation, I think, is the single most overriding need of all. But energy means so many things to us. It is not only comfort in our homes, but jobs; it also means inflation--i.e., it may influence inflation-- it means industrial growth and economic development. It involves the cost of living and the standards of living. And, probably, energy is another word for foreign policy, and, in the final analysis, very likely, energy might be another word for world peace and stability. Therefore, it is incumbent upon all of us that have an interest in the field to try to do the best we can to bring knowledge forward and to make it possible to utilize all forms of alternate energy as soon as we can.

Returning to solar energy, though, for now, let me identify some of the characteristics that I suspect you will recognize but perhaps haven't quite articulated in your own mind. I'm going to be sort of a salesman now for solar energy. Solar energy possesses some remarkable characteristics: To begin with, solar energy is at once clean and silent. Never has a beam of the sun ever besmirched anything except perhaps our backs as we lie too long in the sun. I've never heard a sunbeam. It's both clean and silent: for those of us concerned with the environment, there could be no more perfect source of energy than solar energy.

Though you may have reasons to wonder about this, solar energy is also abundant and widely available on the surface of the earth.

It's available in the sense that there is virtually no point on the terrestrial surface of the earth where there isn't a sufficient quantity of solar energy to be useful in some form virtually all months of the year. I'll have to exclude the polar regions during the solar arctic and antarctic nights, of course, but otherwise, energy is abundant; it's widely available geographically in that sense.

At the outer atmosphere, not on the terrestrial surface, but at the outer atmosphere, you may be surprised to know, the greatest amount of energy falling at any point on the surface of the earth is at the south pole on the winter solstice of December 21. There's quite a distance, of course, between the outer atmosphere at the south pole and the terrestrial surface, but still the energy falling at that point is the maximum, in any 24-hour period during the year.

Solar energy is also dependable. By that, I mean, it's statistically dependable. One of our problems today is to try to determine just exactly what that statistical dependence really is, but on the average, we know pretty well how much energy is going to fall to the terrestrial surface at virtually any point on the surface of the earth, and particularly, on the North American continent. One of the problems we have, though, is to

determine what is going to happen, let us say, on May 25, in Dearborn, Michigan, at 2 p.m. I don't know that we'll ever be able to tell you exactly how much energy is going to fall at that time, that specifically, but we have a long way to go and I'm sure we'll make great progress in the future in determining, say, probabilities, of the energy falling.

Today, however, we must design and build systems based largely on long-term averages of energy. These we know pretty well, and we base a lot of our thinking on the fact that the energy isn't that dependable, statistically dependable; and over a long period of time we can be quite certain that an amount of energy that we can in fact compute will fall on our surfaces. The energy, of course, can't be embargoed, it can't be cut off easily with technologies of any kind. So that's part of its dependability. Furthermore, and, finally, solar energy is inexhaustible--inexhaustible in respect to the age of the sun, which is something on the order of 30-40 billion years. When we're dealing with such an energy source, we simply can say it's inexhaustible.

Solar energy then has these characteristics: it's clean, silent, abundant, widely available, dependable, and inexhaustible. Sometimes solar energy is said to be free. I'm not sure if you believe that or not. But I think we'd probably have to say that today, solar energy, in its utilized form, isn't any freer than crude oil in the ground. There must be a capital energy investment in order to convert the sun's energy striking the terrestrial surface into a useful form, and at the moment that capital investment is something that we're working to bring to a low value.

The only thing I think we can say that is free about solar energy is that the transportation to point of use is without charge. I want now to show a few slides to give you an idea of the applications of solar energy for heating and cooling. I will also tell you something about the circuits that are used to convert the sun's energy to a useful form.

John Clark continued:

I think I might mention some of the local activities going on involving solar energy. The Michigan Solar Energy Association has recently been formed; it will be affiliated with the American section of the International Solar Energy Society. Ror Hanson of the Solargy Corporation and Ed Kelly of Sun Structures in Ann Arbor are here today and will be glad to talk to you about joining the Michigan Solar Energy Society. The Society will be processing information for various solar activities in the state, and activities involving solar energy in general. At lunchtime today, we have asked Dr. John E. Mogk of the Michigan Energy and Resource Association, sometimes called MERA, to talk to us about the solar energy research institute proposal, that MERA and the Bendix Corporation put together last winter. This has developed into some developmental activities for the North Central Solar Energy Research Laboratory, and we've asked Dr. Mogk to bring us up to date on how that will affect us.

In the United States there are something like 300 documented installations in 38 states for solar energy--heated, and in some cases, --cooled buildings. These are located in virtually every state east of the Mississippi, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Canadian border in the regions of the United States where there isn't much sunlight. But, every state, except, I think, West Virginia, has several solar-heated homes. Of course, in the Southwest, all the states from Missouri through the Southwestern region to Mexico also have solar systems, i.e., buildings with solar systems in them. In the state of Michigan,

you might be interested in knowing, there are 33 residences that are solar-heated and solar-cooled. Prominent among those is the Federal Building in Saginaw, about which we'll hear later this afternoon. Experimental systems have been installed at Smith Institute in Detroit and at the Walter and May Reuther Education Center at Onaway, Michigan. In the city of Flint, the first heating and cooling demonstration under HUD will be set up--a six-family dwelling, using the latest General Electric vacuum tube collectors and Arkla absorption units for cooling. This will be the first such dwelling in the state. It will be under construction by next year, and about a year from now, you will be able to visit it.

Perhaps you would like to know what a solar-heated house would be like in Michigan, say in this region of Michigan. Let me describe one for you, to give you a general idea. Let's take a three-bedroom single home, fairly well insulated, of about 1500 planned square feet. If we were to base the design of a solar system on the average solar and climatological data, we would find that to provide 50 percent of the average winter's heating load for that structure, including domestic water for the average size family that we'd find in a home like that, we would need a collector whose area would be somewhere between 450 and 500 square feet, or about 28-33 percent of the planned area. There we have an ordinary three-bedroom home in the southeastern Michigan area: 50 percent of the winter's heating required something like a third of the planned floor area in the size of the collector. Those collectors could be mounted

at an angle of about 60 degrees from the horizontal, so they would pick up the lowering sun from the periods of September to the end of April. That is, about the latitude plus 20 degrees approximately, another rule of thumb. The storage for that system would amount to something on the order of about 1000 gallons of water. That's about 8300 pounds of water, or about 134 cubic feet of water, which would occupy a cube 5 feet on each edge. If we chose to use an air system, which has much to be said in its favor in this area, we would use about 34,000 pounds of rock, that is, about 324 cubic feet, which would occupy a cube roughly 7 feet on an edge. That is a rough description of the solar equipment a 3-bedroom, 1500-square-foot house in Michigan would have to contain. The actual size of the collector and the actual size of the storage would depend on a somewhat detailed calculation. Of course we can't do that today; we do this on computers because of the vast amount of data that must be processed. However, for southeastern Michigan, the most economic optimum would fall reasonably close to the figures that I gave you. I would like to emphasize that we would always optimize these systems with much more detailed calculations than the rules of thumb provide. My guess is that we'd come within 10 percent of optimum if we were to computer-optimize the system.

Part of our activities at the University, and among most of you working in solar energy, is the development of computer programs that calculate a great many of these things, especially, the economic optimization point of design and operation. I said a lot about the size and the angles and so on, and you probably

want to know how much this is going to cost. Let me just say that, at the moment, solar energy is probably not competitive with regulated gas, but if we were to compete with direct resistance heating, or electrical heating, solar energy in virtually all portions of the United States is less expensive in terms of the total costs of these systems. As the costs of gas and oil inevitably will be reduced through innovative design and innovative manufacturing, we can expect that the solar systems, on life-cycle costing, a new idea we'll hear about later today perhaps, will become more and more competitive even with fossil fuels as time goes on. In western parts of the United States it is already true, in life-cycle costing on reasonable estimates of fuel escalation, that solar systems today are cost-effective compared with fossil fuels. So we must keep in mind that the cost of the systems would depend upon the competition of the fuel, and its economic trade-off point would depend upon escalation rates in the future of fuel costs. The system I described to you, though, on the three-bedroom house, probably runs (for a good system having a twenty-year reliable life) between \$7,000 and \$9,000. In this area if we had a cost increase of 10 percent per year for the next 20 years, that system would today be cost-effective on life-cycle costing.

Obviously, solar energy utilization is already underway in the United States, including Michigan. We have a very active industry; and we have speakers today who themselves are close to that industry, and they'll have a lot more to say about it. Thank you very much.

Professor Peters Oppermann

Speaking as an architect and as a representative from the College of Architecture and Urban Planning, I can state that there are substantial opportunities for members of the architectural profession. However, I'd rather call them responsibilities as opposed to opportunities, because I feel that the energy and material shortages we face today remove the freedom of choice from what we have to do from this point on. Architects, in fact, all design professionals, must re-order their priorities and place conservation and the use of alternative sources as primary in every decision. This should not imply just mechanical control of the thermal environment and the luminous environment of buildings, but in every decision that's made about a building, in its design, its construction and its use. Energy is consumed within buildings, but it's the character of the building itself that determines how much. Why architects? Because approximately one-third of the energy used in the United States is used in buildings for people. And as a result of that, architects have a very heavy responsibility in the energy area. Hopefully, clients will begin to mandate energy-consciousness and request that investigation of compatible and alternative systems be made for any building that's proposed. I may sound as if I'm addressing the question of energy conservation or energy-consciousness a little more than the primary subject of this briefing which is solar energy, but I am making a point. The point is that the installation of

solar systems to satisfy building user comfort needs is not enough. There has to be an equal commitment to total energy-consciousness--for any building that's going to be designed, constructed, and used. The use of solar systems is really unwise, and probably economically unfeasible, without considering energy-consciousness equally as strongly in the decision of design. The compatibility required is not primarily one of visual or structural character, but it's really a commitment, a philosophy. Design professionals in fact now have a new ethic, which includes alternative energy sources and conservation, which is getting stronger and stronger support from the marketplace.

To elaborate, let me use three words to describe my point about the responsibility I feel exists in any design professional's operation. The first word is optimization, which suggests to me that one tries to obtain the most favorable and efficient result in the case of building design, or the design of any energy-consuming device. Obtaining optimization of the building design includes the responsibility to use the best judgment in considering the choice of building site, the building form, building materials, building equipment, and building use. The objective should be to make the building perform as well as it possibly can from an energy-consumption standpoint, and let the mechanical equipment make up the rest. And as a piece of equipment which is designed to simply make up the difference that the building can't take care of, the systems supplied for the building should therefore be very small and very simple, to the extent possible. From

a solar standpoint, if solar represents a contribution to the overall operation of the building it would be a better solution, it would be a success, but only as a contribution to the total picture. In terms of economics, both life costs and initial costs have to be mutually considered, with emphasis placed perhaps even more on operating costs. Before, when a building was designed, the systems were selected on the basis of what the building needed, given its design. What we have to do now is turn that around and make our determination such that the environmental systems have equal status in the design process. The building has to be viewed as an interface between the exterior environment and the interior user environment. There also must be an increase in the decisions to renew old buildings rather than to build new ones. There is a certain amount of activity in the preservation area which begins to suggest that energy conservation as well as building conservation for historical purposes are compatible ideas. We need more to renovate or renew old buildings rather than construct new ones. This has to be done also on the basis of that older building being renewed to the point where it's not consuming more energy than it should. And particularly if we try to use the idea of retrofit of solar systems on existing buildings, the building has to be brought up to a point where it's compatible with that solar system before it's economical to presume that it's going to work well. Buildings that are already built and occupied constitute a huge potential market: I don't know the exact figures on how many buildings exist today

compared to how many will be built by the year 2000, but the simple numerical facts should indicate that the retrofit idea for solar and for other energy-conscious ideas, is a tremendous market for those of us who wish to pursue that. So in other words, optimization is simply good design, with a reinforcement of the fact that we have a very serious energy problem.

The second important word, evaluation, is perhaps the newest and least experienced aspect of architecture practice or any design practice. I'm not talking about postconstruction evaluation, preconstruction evaluation. From an energy standpoint it's not using merely more insulation or triple glazing or fewer windows, it's a detailed look at all of the parameters and their potential for dynamic combinations of currents. It's a testing of all of the variables and combinations described under optimization, including site, form, materials, equipment, and use. In fact the computer may be our only solution to making it possible.

As an example, let me discuss one understood and well-known aspect of the building envelope, the window. A window serves as a very good example of the variety of things that need to be considered in making a decision in design. In fact, the designer has to think of a glazed wall as an extremely versatile element of a building envelope. Some attributes are beneficial; and some are not so beneficial and cost us not only money but energy. A window provides daylight solar rays for radiation, and heat in the wintertime, which supplements the mechanical system. A window loses heat by transmission and gains heat by transmission

in the summer; it may provide for natural ventilation. It creates infiltration losses which are winter problems, and it creates infiltration gains which are summer problems. It provides you with contact with the outside, which is a very difficult value to quantify, it provides employment for window washers, and it even satisfies some people intent on elopement, not to say anything about cat burglars and peeping toms. The idea is that we need to look at all the components of building systems, particularly the building envelope, and be very careful about our design decisions with regard to those aspects of building, and make sure that we understand them well enough so that we can make good decisions about the compatibility of systems and the buildings that they satisfy. The question about how we assess these dynamic aspects of a wall or any part of a building, is a difficult one. What the design professions need is a new set of tools--and perhaps, as I mentioned, the computer provides that--to be able to make an assessment about all of the contributions, both positive and negative, to be better able to make design decisions about components of buildings. Developing better means of evaluation is going to be an increasing part of our day-to-day operation, and we're going to be doing it in larger and larger parts of our professional time. This leads to the third of the three words, multi-disciplinary.

The multi-disciplinary label is meant to suggest activity between professions, between engineers and other design professionals, but also activity within professions. We find

increasing numbers of people joining the architecture profession, particularly as academics, because of an interest in the challenge of preparing themselves to become active contributors in the areas of solar energy, energy conservation, and energy consciousness. They're becoming energy problem solvers, in my opinion, the only way to go. But my point is that a team effort is absolutely necessary to form proper and beneficial conclusions. In conclusion, I think we need to be and can be very optimistic about the future. I think we can accept the challenge before us, because the challenges are opportunities and those opportunities are great entries into the future. Thank you.

Professor George Löf: Solar Systems: What Types for Specific
Climates

First I'd like to say that my topic, solar heating systems, will be dealt with broadly in terms of cooling and water supply. Nevertheless, I will not be touching on such things as electric power generation or agricultural application or a number of other topics broadly included under the title of solar systems. Some people are saying that solar energy is not going to be here until the next century, and others maintain that it's here now. Well, both are right. Solar powered electricity probably is something for the next century, but solar heat is here now, and I think we should try to be specific in what we're talking about.

I'd like to begin with an analogy that's perhaps a little oversimplified, but if you'll bear with me, let me pose a hypothetical question. Suppose a supplier of gasoline comes to you and offers to write a contract--to supply all the gasoline you're going to want for the rest of your life, at a fixed price of a dollar a gallon, the terms being that he will store it for you at no charge, he will deliver it to you, put it in your tank as long as you live, but you must buy every gallon from him at 1.00 a gallon. My first question is, would you take that kind of a deal?

Well, I don't know about you, but I would, because even though I know that I can get it cheaper at a filling station for a little while, I can get a bargain a few years from now.

They're already paying \$1.50 a gallon in Europe and South America, and most other countries on earth. So I would know that in a few years, I would be getting my fuel cheaper than my neighbor. Well, that's in effect what one would do by putting a solar heating system on his house today in most of the United States. He would be paying something more, usually, for his heat today than by buying it from the utility company, but he is guaranteed his price of heat for the life of that system, 20 years, 30 years, whatever the life of the system is going to be. There's no way that the cost of that heat can go up. And a few years from now, when the neighbors are paying quite a lot more than he is, he's paying the money to the bank, i.e., he's paying off the loan on that system. His neighbors are paying it to the utility company. And his payments annually are considerably less than his neighbors'. Having presented that little analogy, let me proceed with a discussion of some of the types of solar heating systems, focusing on those that probably do have a climatic advantage. For some areas, some systems are likely to be more appropriate than others, although there aren't any boundaries at which you can say that a particular system won't work; there is considerable overlapping.

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8:30 WELCOME:
 J. J. Martin, Associate Director, Institute of
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KEYNOTE:

8:50 - 9:15 John Clark, Professor, Mechanical Engineering,
 The University of Michigan

9:15 - 9:40 Peters Oppermann, Professor, Architecture and
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9:40 - 10:20 SOLAR SYSTEMS - WHAT TYPES FOR SPECIFIC CLIMATES:
 George O. G. Löf, Director, Solar Energy Appli-
 cations Laboratory, Colorado State University
 and Vice President of Research, Solaron Corp.

10:20 - 10:40 Break

SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING APPLICATIONS - HOUSING:

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES:
 10:40 - 11:00 Henry Leck, Champion Homes

MULTIFAMILY-TOWNHOUSES:
 11:00 - 11:20 Marvin Richman, Urban Investment and Development
 Company of Aetna Insurance

11:20 - 11:35 John Purcell, Energy Research and Development Agency

11:35 - 11:50 Questions and Answers

11:50 - 1:45 Lunch (Includes address by George Löf)
 Announcement - John Mogk, Director, Michigan
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SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING APPLICATIONS IN BUILDING

Willard Oberdick, Session Chairman

1:50 - 2:10 OFFICE BUILDINGS - Thomas McNamara, General Service
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SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATIONS IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES AND
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2:50 - 3:10 FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING
 Edison Rugumayo, Michigan State University

3:10 - 3:30 SOLAR-ASSISTED HEAT PUMPS FOR NORTHERN CLIMATES
 Harry C. Fischer, Union Carbide, Oak Ridge, TN

3:30 - 4:30 Questions and Answers for any speaker of the day
 (All speakers to front tables)

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