

## The Insider

### Arizona remains on short list for Suntech manufacturing plant

The decision by Suntech Power Holdings Co. Ltd. not to locate its U.S. solar panel manufacturing plant in Oregon came down to the region's comparably small market for solar energy products.

That's good news for Arizona, which remains on the short list of sites.

Steve Chadima, vice president of external affairs for Suntech's U.S. operations, said the China-based company has narrowed its site locations to Phoenix and Texas.

Suntech is one of the world's largest manufacturers of crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules — those big glass panels you commonly see on rooftops.

Suntech also is working on a 30-megawatt solar farm in Texas, Chadima said.

**CLEAN AND GREEN:** A green technology developed by Phoenix-based Pantheon Enterprises is being used to prep American Eagle Airlines' planes for repainting. American Eagle is the regional affiliate of American Airlines Inc.



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Pantheon's nontoxic surface pretreatment, called PreKote, helps paint adhere to the aircraft and prevents corrosion. Airline officials say the environmentally friendly alternative has significantly cut process time, improved safety conditions, and reduced water usage and wastewater treatment.

The U.S. Air Force, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines and UPS use Pantheon's clean technology on thousands of their planes.

### Cap-and-trade impact

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Dennis Fulin, driver for Green Dining Networks, pumps used cooking oil into tanks for conversion to biofuel. Page 25

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- A story in the Sept. 18 "Arizona Corporate Excellence" section should have identified Bruce Halle as founder and chairman of Discount Tire Co.
- A story in the same issue should have said the Arizona Cardinals' Kurt Warner placed in the top half of a bizjournals survey on the cost-effectiveness of NFL quarterbacks.

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