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*The U.S. PV industry employs 15,000 people, most of them in high-quality jobs, including installation, servicing, and maintenance. This 340-kW system was installed on the roof of the aquatic center for the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta, Georgia. It is the world's largest building-integrated, rooftop PV system.*

Another PV manufacturer, Atlantis Solar Systems/Solar Building Systems, also took advantage of Virginia's incentives; Atlantis is constructing a production facility in Cape Charles that will create 25 jobs.

According to an August 1995 article in *The Newport News Daily Press*, "Virginia, whose economy once was rooted in tobacco, is leaving its

plantation past behind and heralding its future in high technology." Virginia has increased its investments in science and math education at all levels, and is looking to attract industries that will provide high-paying jobs for its home-grown graduates in the fields of engineering, chemistry and science. "PV is exactly the kind of industry that Virginia wants to

encourage," said Ann Broadwater of the Virginia Department of Development.

Other U.S. manufacturing companies have also been expanding their operations. Solec International, for example, the country's third largest PV manufacturer, more than doubled its workforce between 1993 and 1996. The company now employs 130 people.