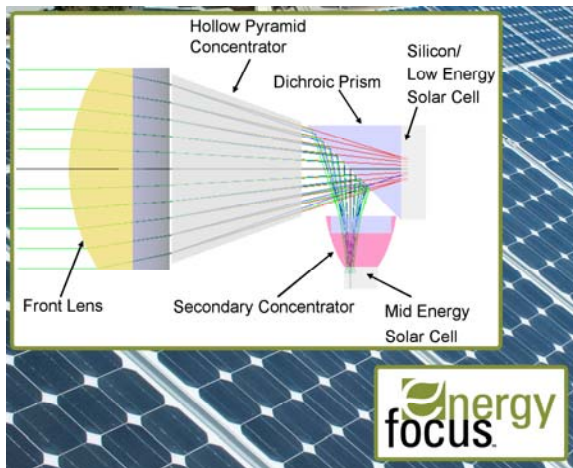


## Energy Focus, Inc. awarded \$3.1 Million to Develop High Efficiency Solar Module with DARPA Consortium

“Spectrum splitting” optical approach seen as key to achieving Very High Efficiency Solar Cell (VHESC) Consortium’s efficiency and cost objectives.

SOLON, Ohio, September 24, 2009 - Energy Focus Inc., a global leader in energy efficient lighting, announced today that it has entered into a \$3.1M, two-year contract with the DuPont-University of Delaware Very High Efficiency Solar Cell (VHESC) Consortium as part of a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)-funded effort to deliver advanced solar research to enable high efficiency, low cost photovoltaics.



Next generation solar modules using VHESC solar splitting approach have the potential to increase rooftop power 3X or more Vs silicon

“Energy Focus’ role on the VHESC program during the initial phase of the effort helped pave the way for the developments to date. We’re proud to be a member of such an accomplished team,” said Roger Buelow, Energy Focus’ Chief Technology Officer.

“A key part of our company’s vision is to be able to provide distributed, low cost energy that enables buildings to be completely off grid. It is our hope that this research will make that a reality for the military and for all Americans,” added Joe Kaveski, CEO.

DARPA recently began the second two-year phase of a four-year program with the VHESC Consortium to raise the system power efficiency of a new class of solar modules to 40 percent and deliver manufacturable engineering prototype modules.

The modules under development by the VHESC team use a novel optical “spectrum splitting” system that directs light from the sun into different paths corresponding to the color of the light, and concentrates the light onto photovoltaic cells that cover different segments of the solar spectrum.

DARPA is developing the VHESC solar module technology for compact renewable energy to power both permanent and mobile bases, as well as to reduce the considerable logistical burden of supplying energy (e.g., batteries and fuel) to the U.S. military in the field.

### About Energy Focus, Inc

Energy Focus, Inc. is a leading supplier of energy solutions and the world’s only supplier of EFO®, a lighting technology that is more efficient than conventional electric lamps. Energy Focus has a long standing relationship with the US Government. EFOI’s

numerous projects for the DOE and DARPA include creating energy efficient LED lighting systems and the next generation Very High Efficiency Solar Cells. Energy Focus products are designed, manufactured and marketed to the existing building market. The solutions provide energy savings, aesthetic, safety and maintenance cost benefits over conventional lighting. The company headquarters are located at 32000 Aurora Rd., Solon, OH 44139. The company has additional offices in Pleasanton, CA, United Kingdom and Germany. For more information, see [www.energyfocusinc.com](http://www.energyfocusinc.com).

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