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NeighborImpact's Weatherization Program to Install Madras Solar Project

February 3, 2012, Madras, Or. – NeighborImpact, in partnership with Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), will be installing a 68,000 watt solar panel system on three buildings at the Madras Townhomes complex in Madras, Oregon. Financial support for this project originated from a US Department of Energy (DOE) grant through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Besides NeighborImpact, only four other community action agencies throughout Oregon received this grant.

“This grant was a great opportunity to bring a large scale solar project to Central Oregon,” commented Laura Fritz, Housing Center Director at NeighborImpact. “Just as energy use increased with the onset of colder weather this program will enable Madras Townhomes residents to save money on their electric bills.”

NeighborImpact contracted with E2 Solar from Bend to complete work on this project. The winner of a statewide competitive bid process, E2 Solar has completed local projects at Miller Elementary School, the Redmond Airport and Healy Heights. This contract will provide 4 new jobs for the company and support our local economy by providing over \$900,000.00 dollars of grant funding to our area.

About Oregon Housing and Community Service (OHCS): OHCS is Oregon's housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for Oregonians of lower and moderate income. The current agency was created in 1991, and creates a continuum of programs that assist and empower lower-income individuals and families in their efforts to become self-reliant. For more information about OHCS please go to www.ohcs.oregon.gov.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.

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