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GEORGIA TECH TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE  
AT SOLAR TESTING LOCATION

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ATLANTA, GA.....Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station is having an open house at the on-campus solar energy test facility on Wed., May 3, designated as national Sun Day. The public is invited from 10:00 until 3:00 to view the system which Georgia Tech provides as a "hot spot" for potential users of solar energy.

This facility is one of the U.S. Dept. of Energy's two major solar test facilities in the country and is the third largest in the world. When all 550 tracking mirrors are operated, the installation can achieve temperatures corresponding to 2500 suns.

"We want to show off this important contribution to solar research," explains Nick Poulos, the solar energy division chief at Tech's EES. "This facility was constructed on the Georgia Tech campus under a U.S. Dept. of Energy grant and is known as the Department of Energy's 'Advanced Components Test Facility.' It is Tech operated and provides the opportunity for organizations to check out advanced high temperature solar equipment for possible application in the commercial and public sectors. It's a noteworthy advancement in our country's search for alternate energy sources."