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This chapter has described the financing of PV growth. Financing might be the last “missing link” in the solution to a solar-driven world economy. Our financial systems and practices are built to support a different economic model – central station power plants and the grid system (see Reference [30]). Mobilization of massive amounts of capital to support solar photovoltaics and distributed generation has been, and will for the immediate future be, institutionally complicated. Solutions are coming, though slowly. Now in the year 2002, however, it appears that we are turning the corner towards the financing of a brighter, solar-powered future.

ANNEX

CONTACTS IN PV FINANCING

This Annex exhibit provides a listing of some of the key organizations that are involved in the financing of photovoltaics around the world, by no means covering all, but a list that should prove useful over the coming decade. It is presented by region.

INTERNATIONAL/GLOBAL

Environmental Enterprises Assistance Fund (EEAF)

EEAF, formed in 1990 by USAID, Winrock International and the Rockefeller Foundation, is a specialist in providing debt and equity financing to environmental entrepreneurs in renewable energy and other environmentally beneficial industries.

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