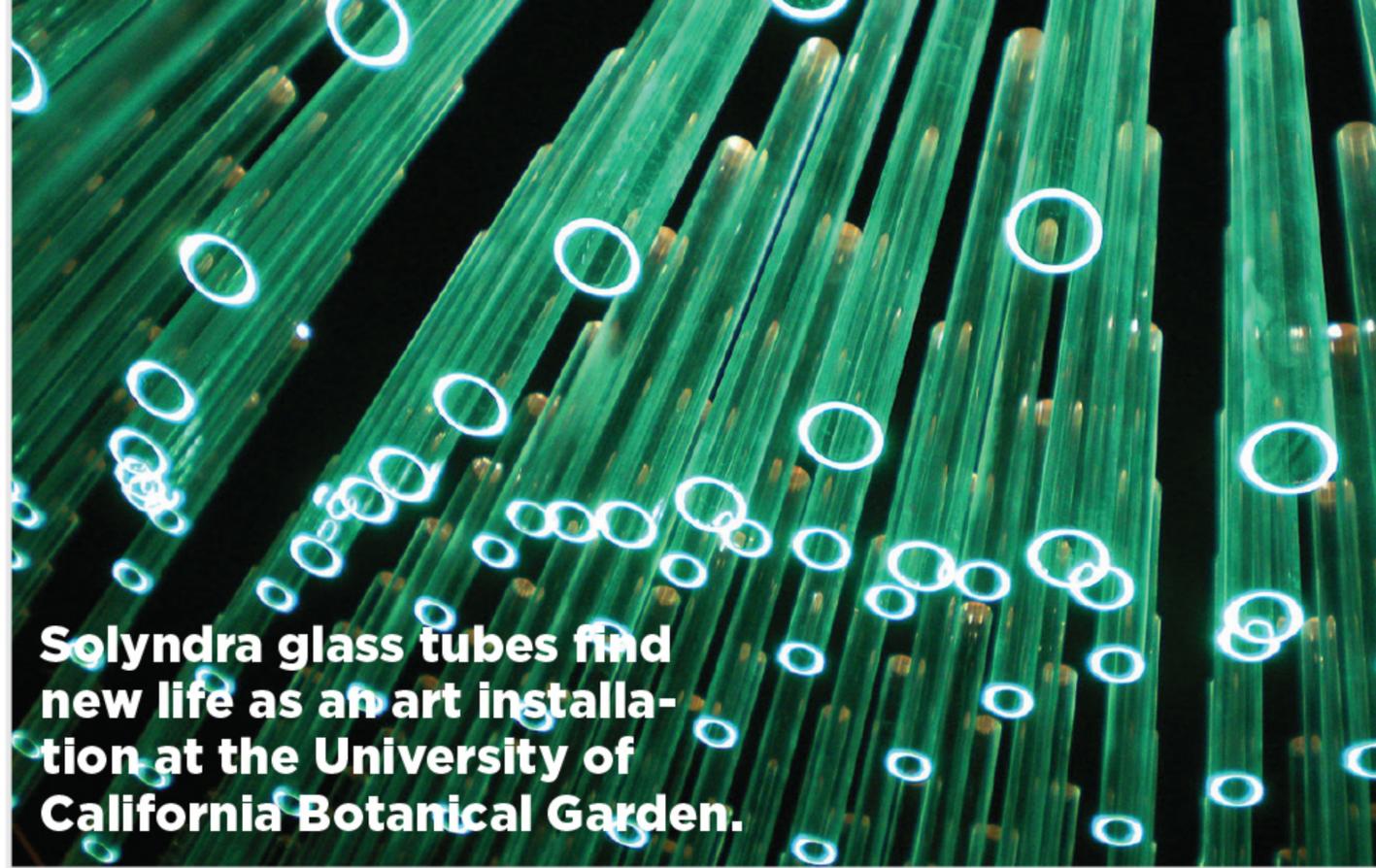


SAVE THE PLANET—OR BUST

Solyndra may be the name people remember, but the federal government has backed a few other clean-energy ventures that moved the needle.



Company: *IVANPAH*

Loan: *\$1.6 billion*

Impact: Uses mirrors to reflect sunlight onto water boilers atop 450-foot-tall towers, which create steam that is converted into roughly 940,000 megawatt-hours of energy per year.

Company: *AGUA CALIENTE*

Loan: *\$967 million*

Impact: It became the largest solar energy farm in the world the year it was built on 2,400 acres outside Phoenix, creating enough power for 230,000 homes.

Company: *TESLA MOTORS*

Loan: *\$465 million*

Impact: Six months before going public, Tesla borrowed funds to build out its production plant, from which it would launch the Model S, the world's best-selling all-electric vehicle.
