

Energy Focus, Inc. Chosen for DARPA SBIR to Develop “Explosion-Proof” Lighting

SOLON, Ohio, November 18, 2008-- Energy Focus, Inc. (Nasdaq: EFOI), a global leader in energy-efficient lighting technologies, announced today that the company’s proposal to develop Explosion Proof LED fixtures has been selected by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. Under the project, titled "Explosion-Proof Solid State Lighting Fixture for Extreme Environments.", Energy Focus will further develop solid state lighting fixtures.

"Adding explosion proof fixtures to our offering of fluorescent and incandescent replacement fixtures is an important step in decreasing energy usage and maintenance requirements for the US Fleet," said Roger Buelow, CTO of Energy Focus, Inc. "With our LED fixtures delivering over 60 lumens per watt for 5 years, we can now envision a Fleet with all solid-state lighting."

“Energy Focus has been working with DARPA over the past several years to develop advanced lighting systems that meet the extreme demands of our military,” said Joe Kaveski, CEO of Energy Focus, Inc. “This SBIR confirms our ongoing strategy to develop a broad range of military applications for Energy Focus’s rugged solid state lighting systems.”

Unlike traditional incandescent or fluorescent lighting systems that can be compromised in battle situations, the Energy Focus system utilizes EFO-LED technology that provides energy efficient bright light from a solid state LED source. With the SBIR contract, Energy Focus will work on further development of the technology with the US Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM).

DARPA is the central research and development organization for the Department of Defense (DoD). It manages and directs selected basic and applied research and development projects for DoD, and pursues research and technology where risk and payoff are both very high and where success may provide dramatic advances for traditional military roles and missions.

About Energy Focus, Inc.

Energy Focus, Inc. (NASDAQ: EFOI), designs, develops, manufactures and markets lighting systems for wide-ranging uses in both the general commercial and the pool and spa lighting markets. Energy Focus EFO® systems offer energy savings, heat dissipation and maintenance cost benefits over conventional lighting for multiple applications. The Company’s headquarters are located at 32000 Aurora Rd., Solon, Ohio. The Company has additional offices in California, the United Kingdom, and Germany. Telephone: (440) 715-1300. For more information, see www.energyfocusinc.com.

Forward-looking statements in this release are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding the business outlook for 2008 and thereafter, future pool market sales, and the potential growth of EFO sales based upon its energy savings over halogen and fluorescent lights. Investors are cautioned that all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from the results predicted. Risk factors that could affect the Company's future include, but are not limited to, a slowing of the U.S. and world economies and its effect on Energy Focus' markets, failure to develop marketable products from new technologies, failure of EFO or other new products to meet performance expectations, unanticipated costs of integrating acquisitions into the Energy Focus operation, delays in manufacturing of products, increased competition, other adverse sales and distribution factors, and greater than anticipated costs and/or warranty expenses. For more information about potential factors which could affect Energy Focus financial results, please refer to the Company's SEC reports, including its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date hereof. Energy Focus disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.