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Town Facilities, Nonprofit Go Green with Solar

Solar electric systems completed at Flood Middle School in Stratford, Naugatuck High School, North Stonington Town Garage and Newtown Youth Academy

Rocky Hill, Conn., May 20, 2009 — The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) today announced that solar photovoltaic (PV) systems at Flood Middle School in Stratford, Conn., Naugatuck High School in Naugatuck, Conn., North Stonington Town Garage in North Stonington, Conn., and Newtown Youth Academy, in Newtown, Conn., are completed and successfully operating. These four installations bring on line more than 575 kilowatts (kW) of solar energy generating capacity and were made possible, in part, by grants from CCEF's On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program.

The 40.18-kilowatt solar PV installation located at Flood Middle School consists of 290 solar panels mounted on the rooftop of the school building. Installed by DBS Energy of Berlin, Conn., the solar array is expected to supply approximately 4 percent of the school's electricity needs. CCEF's grant of \$210,243 helped to defray approximately half of the total project cost.

Consisting of 518 roof-mounted solar panels, the 311.49-kilowatt solar PV system located at Naugatuck High School is generating approximately 23 percent of the electricity required by the school. The solar array was installed by Solar Integrated Technologies of Cerritos, Calif., and made possible, in part, by a grant of \$926,655 from CCEF's On-Site Renewable Distributed Generation Program, which helped to defray approximately one third of the total project cost.

The 15.01-kW solar PV system at the North Stonington Town Garage is generating approximately 70 percent of the electricity needs of the garage. This 43-panel system was

installed on the garage roof by Alteris Renewables of Stonington, Conn. A CCEF grant of \$80,421 was provided to support the installation.

Newtown Youth Academy's rooftop solar array consists of 880 solar panels. The 211.27-kW solar PV system, installed by Alteris™ Renewables of Stonington, Conn., is expected to supply an estimated 30 percent of this community athletic facility's electricity needs. A CCEF grant of \$1,140,671 was provided to support the installation.

Lise Dondy, president of CCEF, said, "Communities, businesses and other institutions across the state are making smart choices when it comes to their energy future – they are choosing solar. Ever-vigilant of the bottom line and what's good for their communities, they are embracing new ways to stabilize their electricity bills while helping the environment. Solar offers them the power to make a difference."

About the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF)

CCEF was created by the Connecticut General Assembly and is funded by the electric ratepayers. CCEF's mission is to promote, develop and invest in clean energy sources for the benefit of Connecticut's ratepayers in order to strengthen Connecticut's economy, protect community health, improve the environment, and promote a secure energy supply for the state. CCEF is administered by Connecticut Innovations, a quasi-public authority. For more information on CCEF, please visit www.ctcleanenergy.com.