



**For Immediate Release**

**Contact:**

Ron French  
rfrench@solarworksinc.com  
203/762-8921  
August 7, 2007

## **Solar Works' client R.C. Bigelow, Highlighted at Energy Bill Signing by Governor Jodi Rell**

Connecticut Governor, Jodi Rell held a ceremonial bill-signing at the R.C. Bigelow Tea Co. in Fairfield, a family owned company that recently installed the second-largest solar project in Connecticut. The energy bill passed in the recent legislative session, Public Act 07-242, makes a number of substantial and beneficial changes to Connecticut's long-term energy policy.

The R.C. Bigelow \$1.5 million project, designed and engineering by Solar Works, Inc, was partially funded through a grant by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. The system installed by Solar Works Inc, is expected to supply as much as 20 percent of the Bigelow facility's total energy needs, providing a savings of some \$30,000 a year. This movement toward green energy features 880 solar modules on the building's roof and was a project of particular importance to Mr. Bigelow, co-chairperson of the Bigelow Tea board, since its inception. The incorporation of alternative energy sources - solar panels - reduces energy costs associated with lighting and running the facility while benefiting the environment. "The roof's solar panels will eliminate approximately five million pounds of carbon dioxide every year, the equivalent to planting 33 acres of trees", said Solar Works, Inc. CEO Ron French.

"Bigelow Tea is proud to welcome such a notable alternative energy initiative," said Cindi Bigelow, co-President. "Just as Governor Rell is calling upon businesses and individuals within the state to do their part, Bigelow Tea feels passionate about taking an active step toward greening Connecticut and helping protect Planet Earth."

“This is exactly the kind of success story we expect to hear more of in the coming months and years,” Governor Rell said. “This law does some good things to prepare our state for medium- and long-term energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. It also provides real incentives for energy efficiency – including tax breaks for Energy Star appliances and cars that get 40 miles per gallon or better on the highway. Connecticut is here to help. We know it is critical to the energy future of our state. That’s also why I am promoting programs such as my ‘OneThing’ initiative. Just remember: If everyone in Connecticut does OneThing to save energy, that’s 3.5 million OneThings in one day. If we all do OneThing every day over the course of a year, that’s 1.2 billion OneThings.”

Solar Works, Inc. ([www.solarworksinc.com](http://www.solarworksinc.com)) is a renewable energy systems integrator and developer, providing solar electric (photovoltaic), solar thermal and wind power systems for clients worldwide. Over the past 25 years, Solar Works has installed over 750 renewable energy systems. Solar Works has expertise in engineering design, project management, performance analysis, project financing and renewable energy credit programs. Founded in 1980, Solar Works is active in commercializing new technologies and developing renewable energy programs for both public and private sector clients.