

Wheeler School Announces 100kW Solar Energy System

Largest Solar Energy System in Southeast MA to be installed in November

SEEKONK, MA November, 3 2009 – The Wheeler School, an N-12 co-ed independent school with campuses in Providence, RI and Seekonk, MA, announces the installation of a 100kW solar electric system at its Van Norman Field House on the 120-acre Wheeler Farm campus in Seekonk, MA.

The solar energy system is being installed by Alteris Renewables, recently ranked as the fastest growing renewable energy company in the Northeast by Inc. 500 and includes 480 Suntech 210 watt solar panels and a SatCon inverter. The choice of Massachusetts-made component from SatCon further contextualizes this project in the scope of the green economy that has been growing in the state.

A Power Purchase Agreement, or PPA, made possible by EOS Ventures of Massachusetts, financed a portion of the project. Through third party ownership, PPAs allow non-profits like schools to enjoy the benefits of a solar energy system without the usual large initial capital investment.

“This project is another important element to our ongoing environmental commitment,” said Wheeler School Head Dan Miller. “Everything we are doing has a curricular dimension that teaches at our ‘grass-roots’ level, while also making a strong public statement about the importance and viability of environmental sensitivity.”

“There have already been many ‘green’ improvements at Wheeler,” said student Jiawen Tang, a co-president of the School’s ECO Club (Environmental Concerns Organization), “But the installation of the solar panels will be the most visible example of Wheeler’s efforts and dedication to sustainable development and environmental action.”

About The Wheeler School

Founded in 1889, Wheeler is a co-educational, independent day school located in the heart of Providence’s historic College Hill neighborhood, adjacent to Brown University and the Rhode Island School of Design. With nearly 800 students, Wheeler is best known for its extraordinary academic curriculum, breadth and creativity of co-curricular offerings, its cohesive community, and the dynamic, lab-school-like focus on innovation and creativity of its programs.

About Alteris Renewables

Alteris Renewables is the largest design-build renewable energy company in the Northeast, with more than 2,250 completed installations across six states. Ranked as one of the top ten fastest growing energy companies in the Inc. 500, Alteris provides turn-key solar electric (photovoltaic or PV), solar thermal, and wind energy solutions for commercial, residential, education, government and institutional clients. The company has industry-leading expertise in engineering, design, project management, performance analysis, project financing and renewable energy credit programs. More information about the company can be found on their website

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