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Compass Solar Energy to install Solar Power through Sunsmart Solar for Schools Program

Compass Solar Energy of Pensacola has been selected to install nine, 10Kw solar electric systems on schools designated as hurricane shelters. These installations will be throughout a five county area (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Washington, Bay). These schools are:

- Cedar Grove Elementary School
- Jinks Middle School
- RC Lipscomb Elementary School
- Longleaf Elementary School
- Antioch Elementary School
- Baker School
- Avalon Middle School
- Bennett C. Russell Elementary School
- Freeport Senior High School

The Sunsmart Program solar PV installation, through the Florida Solar Energy Center, will be an energy supplement for each school while serving as an educational tool for students to monitor daily solar energy production. The schools are getting the systems through the SunSmart Schools E-Shelter program, which was created with a \$10 million stimulus grant. A leader in solar energy research, FSEC is coordinating the program and providing educational materials for teachers to use with students, as well as training for school faculty and staff. Each system will be tied to the power grid, and also be equipped with a battery backup system to supply power in the event of a power grid failure. The solar panels used will be manufactured by Mage Solar, and ground mounted. The solar panel mounts will be hurricane rated and engineered to withstand high winds and large hail.

The first solar installation will be in Bay County, and installation of the ground mounts will begin on Monday, February 27th. Once the ground mounts are set, installation of solar PV panels will begin.

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