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Compass Solar Energy Installs 73.2 kW Solar System at Tampa U.S. Marines Reserve Facility

Solar system will save money and help fulfill federal renewable energy requirements.

PENSACOLA, Fla. and TAMPA, Fla. (May 2, 2013) -- Compass Solar Energy unveiled a new solar installation at the U.S. Marine Reserve Facility (MARFORRES) in Tampa, Fla on Wednesday.

The 73.2 kilowatt DC solar electric system consists of 299 solar panels on the roof of the main building at the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Center. The solar power will provide 106 MWh of AC energy annually. The system was installed in conjunction with a re-roof of the building.

Congressional and Department of Defense energy mandates have set energy goals to reduce the Federal Government's energy costs, contribute to America's energy independence and reduce the carbon footprint of the Federal Government. The Facilities department of the Marine Forces Reserve established the MARFORRES Energy Program to drive implementation of USMC energy goals.

In addition to the Tampa facility that was just completed, Compass Solar Energy is installing solar systems at five other MARFORRES facilities – New Orleans, La., Huntsville, Ala., Riverton, Utah, Jacksonville, Fla and Pico Rivera, Calif.

“The offset of power not consumed from the electric utility and provided by onsite solar power generation helps the Marine Reserves meet their goals of reducing operational costs,” said Compass Solar VP of Engineering Scott Arnold. “These projects will generate energy for MARFORRES facilities for years to come and provide energy security.”

In the first 25 years of the Tampa MARFORRES solar system's lifetime, it is expected to offset more than 4 million pounds of greenhouse gas that would otherwise have been emitted by coal or fossil-fuel-generated electricity. This would be the equivalent of taking 15.6 cars off the road for 25 years according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

About Compass Solar Energy

Based in Pensacola, Fla, Compass Solar Energy is a federal, state, commercial and residential solar contractor that has offered complete solar contracting services from design to installation since 2001. Compass Solar continues to complete large and small scale solar projects throughout the United States and abroad. Compass Solar Energy was a recipient of the 2011 Florida Companies to Watch Award. For more information on Compass Solar Energy, please call 850-439-0035 or visit www.compassolar.com.

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