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Building an Investment: 1.3 megawatts of solar to be developed in Blue Earth County

Ground breaking event to be held October 25

Blue Earth County is again reaping the rewards of community solar. Located off US Highway 14 on six acres of land, the project will produce enough equivalent energy to power roughly 165 average Minnesotan homes. The ground breaking event will be held October 25 from 11 a.m. to noon at 1095 N. Victory Drive in Mankato.

Primary subscribers include Blue Earth County and School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND). SSND previously installed 149 kilowatts of panels on their property in 2015 and decided to expand with Community Solar. "Over the course of 25 years, subscribers to this solar garden should see total savings in excess of \$1,500,000," said Eric Pasi, IPS Solar chief development officer. "We're making a real difference both economically and environmentally."

"Everywhere we turn we are confronted with signs of the ecological crises of our times. Pope Francis has called us as People of God to commit ourselves to care for our Earth and all of creation. As SSNDs, we commit ourselves to reverent and responsible preservation of the Earth. We actively commit ourselves to making choices for an ecologically sound life," Sister Marjorie Klein, provincial councilor at SSND.

"Our choice to collaborate on projects such as this one enables us to dialogue and work with others in our local area who are also seeking the systemic change needed to address the ecological crises of this time," continued Sister Klein. "Being a part of this solar project reflects our commitment to responsible stewardship of our Earth and our care for all creation as gift from God. We are grateful for this opportunity to work together with others to shape a better world for generations to come."

The project is being co-developed by IPS Solar and New Energy Equity. This is one of many community solar gardens being brought online by the IPS Solar project team over the next 12 months. Other IPS Solar community gardens in and around Blue Earth county are still taking subscriber applications.

IPS Solar, a leading provider of solar power solutions, is focused on the development, installation and management of solar power systems for commercial, community solar and residential customers. IPS Solar is one of the fastest growing solar systems providers in the United States, delivering 5 kilowatt to multi-megawatt community solar gardens. Learn more about subscribing or hosting a community solar garden at <http://ips-solar.com>.

Event details

What: Blue Earth County Community Solar Ground Breaking

When: Wednesday, October 25, 11am to Noon

Where: 1095 N Victory Drive, Mankato, MN 56001