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Press Release

West Shore Community College to Install 10 kW Solar Electric System

Contractors Building Supply (CBS) awarded contract for 10 kW Solar Electric (PV) System at West Shore Community College

Copemish, MI May 9, 2011: Contractors Building Supply, Copemish, Michigan, has been awarded a competitive bid to supply and install two 5 kW pole mounted solar electric systems which together will give the college a nominal 10 kW solar electric system.

One of the 5 kW designs will have a dual tracking system. The dual tracking system is engineered and manufactured in northern Michigan. The tracking system will track the sun east to west as well as north to south and may increase production compared to a fixed system greater than 25%. The tracking system is proprietary: engineered in Michigan and built with Michigan Made components. The partners in the design and production include Contractors Building Supply and Amtech Inc. of Manistee County along with J. Holcomb and Associates of Mason County. The second 5 kW system will be a fixed pole mount.

The solar electric applications will be grid tied. West Shore Community College is expected use 99.9% of the power produced on site replacing power they are currently purchasing from the local utility supplier. Together, the systems will reduce monthly utility bills for the college while serving as research tools for students in renewable energy programs.

Installation is scheduled to start soon and the project will be highlighted at this year's Michigan Energy Fair (www.glrea.org) which will be held at the Mason County Fairgrounds June 23 – 26, 2011.

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