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## NC GreenPower Selects NC Solar Now as Sole Source Installer for Its Solar+ Schools Program

**RALEIGH, NC** – NC GreenPower is excited to announce that Raleigh-based [NC Solar Now](#) will be the official installer for its Solar+ Schools program for the next three years. NC Solar Now was selected following a months-long request for proposals process issued by NC GreenPower.

Solar+ Schools offers grants for the installation of 5-kilowatt photovoltaic (PV) systems at schools throughout North Carolina. The systems can be either top-of-pole-mounted or roof-mounted and include an internet-based data monitoring system that allows students to view and analyze power generation and weather data. The electricity produced by the system can be used by the school if permitted by the electric utility; otherwise, it is delivered to the electric grid.

Ten schools were awarded Solar+ Schools grants in 2020, up to 15 schools will be awarded in 2021, and up to 20 schools will be awarded in 2022. The solar installations are expected to be completed by the fourth quarter of the following year (2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively).

The following North Carolina schools were successful in raising their portion of the required funding and will receive PV systems in 2021:

- Hidden Valley Elementary School — Mecklenburg County
- Island Montessori School — New Hanover County
- Junius H. Rose High School — Pitt County
- Mountain View Intermediate School — Macon County
- Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies (NEAAT) — Pasquotank County
- Pembroke Elementary School — Robeson County
- Reaching All Minds Academy — Durham County



- South Stanly High School — Stanly County
- The Fletcher Academy — Wake County
- Western Union Elementary School — Union County

The locations and installation schedules for 2022 and 2023 will be based on school applications in those program years.

As a small locally owned business, NC Solar Now understands the importance of building relationships to support our local communities. “Since the founding of our company in 2009, we have acknowledged and recognized two very important things,” said Steve Nicolas, NC Solar Now CEO. “The first is that NC GreenPower has developed a landmark program that connects people in our state to renewable energy. The second is that NC GreenPower is working on initiatives to help lift and inspire local communities, with access to STEM learning, to secure a brighter, cleaner future in North Carolina. NC Solar Now is proud and delighted to be selected as the sole source installer for the Solar+ Schools program, giving us the opportunity to build a partnership based on these shared values.”

NC Solar Now is dedicated to bringing these resources to North Carolinians, and by working within the state, it hopes to boost the local economy and lessen the strain placed on finite sources of energy, focusing instead on clean and affordable renewables.

“Having worked with NC Solar Now since 2017, we are very happy for this continued partnership to help us improve the environment and support STEM education in our state,” said Vicky McCann, vice president of NC GreenPower.

To learn more about the Solar+ Schools program and how your school can apply, please visit NC GreenPower’s website: <http://www.ncgreenpower.org/solar-schools>. The 2021 application will open on Saturday, January 2.

### **About NC GreenPower**

Formed by Advanced Energy in 2003, NC GreenPower is a nonprofit whose mission is to expand public knowledge and acceptance of cleaner energy technologies to all North Carolinians through local, community-based initiatives.

Since NC GreenPower’s inception, donors have supported more than 1,125 local renewable energy and carbon offset projects, producing 1 billion kilowatt-hours of green energy and mitigating nearly 78,000 tons of greenhouse gases. In 2015, NC GreenPower launched Solar+ Schools to support solar PV installations at K-12 schools. To date, installations have been awarded to 42 schools in 33 unique counties, bringing energy education to more than 31,600 students. Contributions to NC GreenPower are tax deductible. For more information, visit [www.ncgreenpower.org](http://www.ncgreenpower.org).

### **About NC Solar Now**

NC Solar Now was established in 2009 and has grown to become a premier residential and commercial solar installer in the Triangle, Triad and beyond. Offering a turnkey installation experience, NC Solar Now handles every step of the install process, from permitting, financing and design to communicating with the customer's electric utility. Through the use of proprietary, state-of-the-art drone technology, NC Solar Now provides its customers with a personalized solar savings analysis based on their individual needs. Its team has nearly 20 years of experience in the industry and prides itself on customer satisfaction.

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***NC Solar Now Installations: Click photos below to follow a link for a higher resolution image***



**Helena Elementary School, Timberlake - 2017**



**Edgecombe Early College, Tarboro - 2018**



**Richmond Early College High, Hamlet - 2017**



**Rocky Mount Preparatory, Rocky Mount - 2018**