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DELEG Bureau of Energy Systems Awards Nearly \$6.8 Million in Recovery Act Funds for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Activities in State-Owned Buildings

DECEMBER, 2010 – The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE)'s Saginaw Bay District Office building has gone solar thanks to a grant from the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG).

A 9.85 kilowatt solar panel array has been installed at the building, located at 401 Ketchum Street in Bay City, as a result of a cooperative agreement between DELEG and DNRE. The 25,000 square foot building will generate approximately 60 percent of its electrical needs with the solar panel array and a previously installed wind turbine. The 50kW wind turbine was installed in the fall of 2009.

This project was funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) under the State Energy Program (SEP) through the DELEG with the understanding that the DNRE will maintain the equipment and monitor system performance which will benefit future solar projects.

The SEP was allocated more than \$82 million by the Recovery Act (ARRA) with \$10 million of the allocated funds directed toward "Phase I" energy efficiency projects in state-owned and leased facilities, buildings, and properties. The selected projects submitted by the state agencies leveraged matching funds as required by the solicitation as part of the eligibility criteria.

"The goals of the State Energy Program are to increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs for consumers, businesses, and government and reduce reliance on imported energy," said DELEG Acting Director Andrew S. Levin. "By retrofitting state-owned buildings we are saving taxpayer dollars while reducing the impact of energy production and use on the environment."

These projects continue the momentum of state government leading by example in retrofitting their building stock. In addition, the projects will demonstrate building retrofit technologies that can be adopted and used by local units of government and others, and will collect energy savings data to help develop further energy savings strategies.

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