



Contech Medical Continues Trend of Community Dedication with 250kW Solar System Installation in Providence, RI

New 700 panel rooftop solar installation will generate local jobs and provide clean renewable energy for the Ocean State through the Renewable Energy Growth Program

PROVIDENCE, RI. – Contech Medical Inc., (“*Contech Medical*”) joined by Providence City Council President Sabina Matos and other state and local officials, today announced the completion of its new solar array at 99 Hartford Ave in the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence, Rhode Island. The 250 kW DC system will generate local jobs, increase long term tax revenue, provide clean energy and uplift the local community during the COVID-19 crisis. The solar array — developed, financed and operated by New York-based Ecogy Energy, (“**Ecogy**”) — will directly contribute to Rhode Island's goal of meeting 100% of the State's electricity demand with renewable energy resources by 2030.



By constructing the solar array on unused roof space, Ecogy is able to produce clean energy while avoiding negative land-use impacts often associated with solar production. The array is expected to generate 6.1 million kWh over the lifetime of the project, which is enough electricity to offset the consumption of 485,309 gallons of gasoline and is equivalent to the carbon sequestered by 5,633 acres of U.S forests in one year. The clean energy produced by this system will be sold to National Grid under a 20-year feed-in tariff agreement, which will provide an additional revenue stream for Contech Medical to support their ongoing operations.

“We are delighted to host this solar array and to make great use of our previously unutilized roof space,” said **Executive Vice President of Contech Medical, Frank Barrett**. “This project furthers Contech’s commitment to reducing our carbon footprint and making a positive impact in

our local community. Additionally, during these difficult times brought upon by COVID-19, we are proud to use our assets to generate jobs for our community.”



[Contech Medical’s Facility borders the Woonasquatucket River, a symbol of environmental resiliency for the Olneyville neighborhood]

This solar array facility is an example of Contech Medical’s continued dedication towards being an upstanding steward of the environment. Contech’s other sustainability efforts include being a supporter of the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council (“WRWC”), which is an urban environmental program that is restoring the nearby Woonasquatucket River and the communities surrounding it. Just a few yards away from the project, WRWC with support from Contech Medical was able to install a fish ladder that allows for fish to migrate up and down the waterway.

“I applaud Contech Medical and Ecogy Energy for the completion of this solar project in the Olneyville neighborhood.” said **Providence City Council President Sabina Matos**.
“Renewable energy is a path to a brighter future for the City of Providence. It is an exceptional accomplishment for Contech Medical to be able to further renewable energy production while generating jobs amid the economic downturn caused by COVID-19.”

Throughout the pandemic, Contech Medical has been an exemplar of private-sector leadership. In the early stages of the pandemic when the state of Rhode Island was struggling to procure nasopharyngeal swabs needed for coronavirus testing, Contech Medical sourced 60,000 swabs within a matter of days. Even during this time of uncertainty, Contech Medical has used its resources to support its community.

“It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Contech Medical on this project,” said **Jack Bertuzzi, Principal at Ecogy Energy**. “I am delighted that this solar facility will help further Contech Medical’s innovative and forward-thinking approach towards environmental issues. This solar array is a visible sign of Contech’s leadership in sustainability and their belief in investing back into the community.”

If you are interested in supporting this project, you can donate to the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council:

Give online via their secure PayPal Giving Fund site,

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/118892>

Or mail a check, payable to WRWC:

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