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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Harness the Sun for Energy Savings Thanks to Solar Project Led by Siemens Government Technologies

ARLINGTON, Va. – In a ceremony today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) celebrated the activation of its new 2,016 solar module photovoltaic (PV) array – providing renewable power to the Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel on the Tribe’s Murphy, N.C. reservation. Siemens Government Technologies, Inc., a leader in renewable energy integration, automation and infrastructure modernization, serves as project lead responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the PV array.

Supported by a grant from the Department of Energy, the PV array will offset approximately 10% of the energy demand from casino operations, helping the Tribe advance its energy independence and sovereignty goals through a carbon neutral approach. The autonomy afforded through renewable sources extends beyond just energy production, as selected Tribe employees will receive operation and maintenance solar certifications for ongoing site management. Solar certifications can lead directly to new projects, and, further prosperity for individuals and the Tribe.

“The EBCI have always been stewards of the tremendous natural resources afforded us, which is why this project not only resonated for us as a people, but equally important, will further our economic goals through the continued success of the Harrah’s River Valley Casino and Hotel,” said Joey Owle, Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources for EBCI. “We are grateful to Siemens and the tremendous communication between all parties, truly making our project a model for others to emulate.”

For more than 170 years, Siemens has been providing technology to improve society, and here in the U.S. the company is incredibly proud of its work from coast-to-coast advancing Native American interests and goals for renewable energy production and sovereignty.

“We are honored to see the EBCI assume ownership of their new PV array and take a critical step forward in their renewable energy future with the certifications needed to be true owner operators,” said Tina Dolph, president and CEO, Siemens Government Technologies. “Skill development is at the heart of innovation and economic prosperity, and we are proud to play a small role in helping foster continued learning and achievement. We look forward to being partners with EBCI for many years to come.”

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