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VERNON, CT — At 10 o'clock Monday morning, the skies were cloudy but the atmosphere was sunny as local leaders were on hand to dedicate the state's largest solar thermal hot water system at Hillside Terrace Apartments.

State legislators Senator Tony Guglielmo and Representative Tim Ackert spoke at the dedication, expressing their enthusiasm about the project. Ackert said, "The system that C-TEC Solar designed and built is helping to make Hillside Terrace more competitive in today's market. It's a win-win. We need more projects like this in Connecticut." C-TEC Solar owner Mickey Toro added, "This 80-panel system spans four buildings and is expected to offset nearly 80% of the property's hot water energy. Every apartment building, commercial building and residential home should institute solar as a method of reducing its reliance on fossil fuels."

Vernon Mayor George Apel presented Hillside Terrace representative Pat Keane with a citation from the town. In part, the mayor said, "Hillside Terrace Apartments installed the state's largest solar thermal hot water system, thereby achieving the benefits of improved energy efficiency and has become a clean energy business leader in Vernon."

Keane shared his thoughts on the project, "A few years ago we struggled with high oil bills, making it harder for us to rent." C-TEC Solar provided a detailed site-and-needs assessment, then installed the system across four buildings. He added, "Their workers were fast and neat. This system is expected to save us over \$10,000 a year in energy costs, which will help keep our rents competitive."

Bryan Garcia, President and CEO of the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA), also spoke at the event. He congratulated C-TEC Solar and Hillside Terrace Apartments on the project's success. Garcia added, "Because solar thermal technology can displace 70-80% of the energy needed by traditional hot water heating systems, commercial properties like Hillside Terrace Apartments as well as homeowners are realizing tremendous environmental and financial advantages." C-TEC Solar worked with the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) to access all the State and Federal rebates available, making the cost of the project very attractive.

C-TEC project manager Dwayne High ended the event by giving a tour of the state-of-the-art pump room.

About C-Tec Solar

C-TEC Solar, located in Simsbury, Connecticut is one of the most experienced solar contractors in the state with 30 years of industry expertise. Fully licensed and insured, C-TEC Solar provides complete turnkey and financing solutions for clean technology and alternative energy projects. C-TEC Solar specializes in Photovoltaic (PV) and Solar Thermal systems for residential and commercial applications. With an industry leading technology approach, C-TEC Solar effectively manages both small- and large-scale clean energy projects from inception to completion, saving customers time and money for a

greater return on investment.

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About the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority

CEFIA was established by Connecticut's General Assembly on July 1, 2011 as a part of Public Act 11-80. This new quasi-public agency supersedes the former Connecticut Clean Energy Fund. CEFIA's mission is to help ensure Connecticut's energy security and community prosperity by realizing its environmental and economic opportunities through clean energy finance and investments. As the nation's first full-scale clean energy finance authority, CEFIA will leverage public and private funds to drive investment and scale-up clean energy deployment in Connecticut. For more information about CEFIA, please visit www.ctcleanenergy.com.

About Hillside Terrace Apartments

Hillside Terrace Apartments feature spacious 1 & 2 bedroom apartment homes with open floor plans, fully applianced deluxe kitchens with dishwasher, breakfast bar, and a large walk in closet in the master bedroom. It's a pet friendly community that offers 24-hour emergency maintenance and a friendly management team.

Photo information

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(L-R): Bryan Garcia, Senator Guglielmo, Mickey Toro, Mayor Apel, Pat Keane and Representative Ackert

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