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SUNFARM ENERGY TO PROVIDE SOLAR PV FOR NON-PROFIT OUTDOOR SWIMMING FACILITY THROUGH GRANT PROGRAM

Young and old alike will benefit from an All Points North Foundation, Inc. grant for the newly renovated Aquatic Center of Destin.

SunFarm Energy (SFE), a NABCEP credentialed, local expert installer of solar Photovoltaic (PV) power systems, Tesla PowerWall 2 battery systems & EV Chargers, and solar hot water & pool heating systems, for the greater Northwest Florida Panhandle region and lower Alabama, is pleased to announce being selected as the installation contractor for the upcoming 24.09 kW solar PV upgrade for the Aquatic Center of Destin.

The Aquatic Center Destin (ACD), located at 4345 Commons Drive West in Destin, Florida, is a premier, outdoor swimming facility, which serves all ages from young child to senior adult. ACD offers great low impact exercise, recreational swimming and swimming lessons, from beginner to expert. It also serves as a safe, and healthy destination for afterschool student activities, family swim time, local and regional swim competitions, and vacationers visiting the NW Florida Gulf Coast area.

Since taking over the closed facility and property in August of 2017, and renaming it the Aquatic Center Destin, the Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation, Inc. Board (ECFF) www.ECFitnessFoundation.org, the property lessee, has endeavored to reinvent this "jewel in

the rough", reducing the ongoing operating costs through comprehensive equipment and energy consumption upgrades. Having already completed a geo-thermal pool heating upgrade, the addition of solar PV is the latest step, in concert with LED lighting improvements, which will reduce the annual electric consumption footprint.

All Points North Foundation <u>www.allpointsnorthfoundation.org</u> is the source of the Solar Grant, which will fund the full cost of this PV upgrade. All Points North Foundation is focused on middle school (grades 6-8) education and expanding solar power, helping "communities nationwide to navigate upward". All Points North Foundation "seeks to fund nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated measurable success and can showcase the potential for creating significant impact in two areas – both in underserved communities." Along with the Grant funding, All Points North Foundation was instrumental in guiding the ECFF Board regarding the solar PV system, and attributes of the equipment solution.

"We are pleased to be selected as the solar PV contractor for this important energy offset project, and have worked closely with the Emerald Coast Fitness Foundation Board, helping them secure All Points North Foundation's Grant funding", noted Doug Herrick, the owner of SunFarm Energy. "Understanding the high energy costs of operating an outdoor swimming facility, we are excited about the benefits the solar PV addition will afford and applaud the ECFF Board for all their hard work in securing the grant!"

SunFarm Energy will complete the PV installation in the late first quarter of 2020, and the new solar power system will provide 30 years of clean, reliable and renewable energy for the Aquatic Center of Destin facility.

You can learn more by checking out SunFarmEnergy.net, or give us a call at (850) 472-0341.

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