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## **The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority Celebrates Fairfield Solar System Installations**

### ***Systems Awarded Under the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority's Clean Energy Communities Program***

**Rocky Hill, Conn., April 26, 2012** —The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority (CEFIA) and the Town of Fairfield today hosted a dedication ceremony to celebrate the 6 kilowatt (kW) solar photovoltaic (PV) system installed at Tomlinson Middle School and a 7 kW solar PV system installed at Roger Ludlowe Middle School. Both projects were designed and installed by Sunlight Solar Systems and funded by a grant provided through CEFIA's Clean Energy Communities Program (Program).

"Fairfield is extremely proud to be a Clean Energy Community. We have employed energy efficiency and renewable energy strategies for our municipal facilities that not only lower our energy costs but create a cleaner and healthier environment for our citizens" said Fairfield's First Selectman, Michael Tetreau.

Fairfield has demonstrated its commitment to clean and renewable energy through the installation of over forty (40) clean energy systems and achieving more than eight-hundred (800) *CTCleanEnergyOptions* signups. As a result of Fairfield's dedication to clean and renewable energy in Connecticut they have successfully maintained a position amongst the leaders in the Clean Energy Communities Program and earned three CEFIA-funded solar PV systems.

"As evidenced by the growing number of renewable energy systems on municipal facilities, leading businesses and institutions and homes in the community, Fairfield understands the value of cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy over the long term. And now, every middle school student in Fairfield can learn about the benefits of solar power from a system on the roof over their classrooms" said Bob Wall, CEFIA Director of Marketing and Outreach.

Cities and towns across Connecticut may become a Connecticut Clean Energy Community by committing to clean energy and energy efficiency; and securing a minimum of 100 points through residential sign-ups in the *CTCleanEnergyOptions* program, or installations of clean energy systems in the community. *CTCleanEnergyOptions* encourages Connecticut residents and businesses, who are customers of Connecticut Light & Power or the United Illuminating Company, to

voluntarily support clean energy by selecting a clean energy offering from one of two clean energy suppliers – Community Energy or Northeast Clean Power. Today, a total of 103 Connecticut cities and towns are participating in the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities.

For more information regarding CEFIA's Clean Energy Communities Program or the *CTCleanEnergyOptions* Program please visit [www.ctcleanenergy.com/communities](http://www.ctcleanenergy.com/communities).

### **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](http://www.ctcleanenergy.com).

### **About Sunlight Solar Systems**

Sunlight Solar Energy is dedicated to educating our customers and empowering them to make intelligent buying decisions. "Sunlight Solar is an innovative and creative company with an industry-leading approach and philosophy to solar energy sales. As one of the first Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority-approved installers, Sunlight Solar provides customers with the finest products – both in quality and efficiency – that the industry has to offer. For more information on Sunlight Solar, please visit [www.sunlightsolar.com](http://www.sunlightsolar.com).

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