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re: STARS Innovation at The College at Brockport

I am pleased to submit this letter of affirmation concerning the 80 kW photovoltaic (PV) system we installed for The College at Brockport. The college is one of the first colleges in the State University of New York system to have a solar energy system of significant size.

The PV system consists of 238 SunTech 245 W PV modules and 12 SMA 7 kW inverters. The PV modules are mounted on a ballasted rack system on the roof of the Chapman Services and Central Storage building on campus. It is a net-metering type system, which feeds the loads in the building, with any excess being exported to the campus grid. The system will generate around 83,000 kWh per year.

Installing the PV system is one part of The College's efforts to reduce their carbon footprint. The performance of the system is being monitored, with the data accessible to the students. The system thus is also a means to educate students in the fast-growing field of renewable energy. Job-growth in the solar energy industry has exceeded most other sectors of the US economy and is expected to continue to grow rapidly, so it's vitally important that The College is able to get students up to speed in solar!

The College at Brockport is leading the way in New York for use of solar power on campus. The proof is in the RFPs now coming in from several other colleges who want to go solar!



We applaud The College at Brockport for stepping up to "walk the talk" with an on-site solar energy system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gay E. Canough".

Gay E. Canough
President, ETM Solar Works