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## **NorthStar Construction Services adds electric vehicle to fleet**

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NorthStar Construction Services added a fully electric vehicle to their company fleet. They have taken the next step logical step in acquiring a new 100% electric vehicle, an "Active E" coupe. And to power this electric vehicle NorthStar happens to have more than 360 solar panels installed on the roof of its 20,400 s/f headquarters. "Now that is taking solar energy from the roof to the road," said John La Stella, president and founder of NorthStar.

NorthStar continues to work towards being recognized as a "green roofer!" "This addition to our vehicle fleet makes sense for us with the recent installation of our roof top solar system. It takes only a small fraction of our 92 kw solar system to provide the energy to charge this electric vehicle," said La Stella.

NorthStar is one of the approved participants in the Boston area to take part in this field study for BMW. The Active E has a driving range of up to 100 miles on a full charge. The feedback and data we can provide from using this vehicle in a commercial setting and charging it with solar power will be beneficial to the manufacturer in their continued improvements to future electric vehicles." said La Stella. "It takes some adjustments, you have to consciously plan the round trip distance and if there are any charging stations along the route. One of the nicest rewards with this vehicle is that you can do the right thing for the environment and not compromise fun, proving there is joy in sustainability" said La Stella.

According to La Stella, NorthStar has taken many steps in the past 12 months to improve their sustainability which includes the following; installing solar panels on the roof of their facility to provide 100% of their energy needs; operating their own fueling station to better manage fuel consumption and costs; consolidating all their operations under one roof; conducting an energy audit; installing a new high efficiency HVAC system; participating in the Energy Star Program; and recycling all waste including as much as possible from job sites.

NorthStar Construction Services has over 20 years experience, helping businesses protect their investments. They use proven technologies and materials to provide the highest quality and most economical roofing solutions possible. NorthStar has received the Firestone Master Contractor status since 1998 and the Inner Circle Quality Award, in addition to the Associated Builders and Contractors STEP Safety Award for the past ten years. NorthStar provides various types of commercial and custom roofing solutions,

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