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## **Viking Construction goes solar with installation of power panels**

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In a major step towards energy independence and reduced emissions, Viking Construction, Inc., has completed the installation of 126 Siliken Solar power panels covering 3,000 s/f of roof top at its headquarters. The company now is generating nearly 30% of its total energy needs onsite, and is on track to offset more than 100 pounds of carbon each day. Estimated power "savings" equals about 3 trees or 2.5 barrels of oil a week. The panels were installed by Encon Solar Energy of Stratford, Conn.

In addition to reducing emissions and overall energy costs, Viking expects to be able to actually generate electricity that goes back to the region's power grid.

"Viking has long been using energy-efficient products and solutions for the buildings we construct, and we are consistently seeking best practices that conserve energy and natural resources," said Anthony Gaglio, Sr., president of Viking Construction. "This solar project is one more step in that direction, making use of the power of renewable energy instead of fossil fuels - and eventually actually generating power for use by others in our community. It is an amazing effort that makes business sense as well as environmental sense."

By using solar power, Viking also is meeting some of its ENERGY STAR partnership requirements. By taking part in this federal program, Viking ensures it is proactively meeting federal energy conservation standards and guidelines throughout its business.

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