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Whitman Reaches Broad Audience at the Solar Symposium for Schools



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Symposium Discussing the Benefits of Solar Power for New Jersey Schools Receives Excellent Turnout

Whitman, New Jersey's leading environmental and engineering management firm, presented to 160 attendees at the Solar Power for Schools Symposium on Thursday, Oct. 29, at the Sheraton Hotel in Atlantic City. New Jersey is the national leader for using solar power, and schools have the ability to reap the benefits of this alternative energy. The symposium covered the basics of photovoltaic systems and how solar power can serve as a revenue source for school districts.

"We are very pleased with the outstanding turnout we received for the Solar Symposium for Schools," said Barry Skoultschi, president of Whitman. "Over 160 attendees took part in the symposium and were able to hear from expert panelists who discussed topics relating to solar energy, ranging from new technology to funding for this renewable resource. The interest in this event reinforces the importance of solar energy to New Jersey schools and this critical time for instituting measures that can not only reduce operating costs, but create a needed income stream for the district."

The solar symposium focused on why now is an opportune time for schools to investigate and invest in solar power and how the technology can be used as an educational component in schools. Funding and ownership options were also discussed. Other panelists at the event included a representative of Parette Somjen Architects, a mid-sized architectural firm that specializes in solar designs; Wilentz Goldman and Spitzer, one of New Jersey's major law firms; and Marlene Wendolowski, Parsippany-Troy Hills School Business Administrator.

Whitman has completed electrical, structural and civil engineering work on a number of solar projects, including Halls Warehouse in South Plainfield, N.J. - one of the largest solar installations of a private commercial building in the country. The flat roof solar energy system installed at Halls Warehouse will generate 3.2 megawatts of solar power - enough to power approximately 200 homes for an entire year.

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