

Energy company wins bid for New Brunswick project

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An energy company in the Mays Landing section of Hamilton won a contract last week to install and maintain up to 19 solar-panel systems in New Brunswick.

NBS Energy Partners LLC said it reached an agreement with the New Brunswick Renewable Energy Consortium to set up solar panels in a total of up to 19 parking garages, schools, water treatment plants and other government-owned facilities.

When it's finished by 2011, the solar panels will generate about 9.7 million kilowatt-hours of energy annually, making it the largest single solar-panel project in New Jersey, NBS said. The average home consumes about 9,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, according to the company.

The New Brunswick Renewable Energy Consortium represents the City of New Brunswick and its parking authority, board of education and the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

"We are pleased to move New Brunswick toward a more sustainable and reliable energy future," said **Joseph Scheufele**, **Energenic's** senior vice president of business development. "In addition to reducing New Brunswick's carbon footprint, this project will significantly reduce the city's energy costs."