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GEENEX SOLAR MAKES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ENERGY EDUCATION A PRIORITY

“Center for Energy Education Hosts Grand Opening”

(Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina) - On Thursday, October 5th, 2017, the Center for Energy Education (C4EE) officially opened its doors in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. Located at the former Halifax County Airport site and directly adjacent to a 20 MW solar facility, C4EE represents a major milestone in Geenex’s commitment to provide a place for education, training and workforce development for the community.

The C4EE was created from a shared vision between Halifax County officials and Geenex Solar. The 5,000-square-foot center was designed by Geenex partner and German architect Joseph Kessen and includes an exhibit hall, classrooms and business center. The C4EE is excited to have a headquarters for its mission to educate residents of Halifax County and the region about renewable energy and its benefits. “C4EE offers a place for people of all ages to learn and explore many aspects of renewable energy,” said Mazine Lowe, Executive Director of the C4EE. “We will bring knowledge, experience, and technology to the community along with an opportunity to expand workforce development. The opportunities here will be endless.”

Even before the building itself was open, the C4EE has been actively working with area school teachers, as well as the Halifax Community College, to provide curriculum support for energy education and specific job training programs. Georg Veit, CEO of Geenex Solar, expressed the importance of industry and community working hand in hand; “I am very proud of our accomplishments in this community. The opening of the Center for Energy Education is a milestone for Geenex. An industry needs to be understood to gain support from the community and to have long term success. Through education, training and information, the Center will support the growth of renewable energy in the region and will ensure Halifax County is at the forefront of the renewable energy industry in North Carolina. We are proud to have helped enable this process.”

At the grand opening, more than 150 industry professionals, educators, students, and local and state officials, had the opportunity to tour the facility and learn more about its future plans. Hands-on exhibits, solar technology education, student demonstrations, a panel discussion with energy experts, as well as a tour of a local solar facility were all part of the day's activities. Halifax County officials were especially excited about seeing the plans for the C4EE become a reality. "Clean energy education and training programs in renewable energy will help form a strong foundation for a quality workforce with market-valued skills," commented Vernon Bryant, Chairman of the Halifax County Board of Commissioners. "We are grateful to Geenex for their investment in Halifax County and for advancing opportunities in the renewable energy industry in all of Eastern North Carolina."

About C4EE

The mission of the Center for Energy Education is to build a place where education, research and industry-leading professionals work and learn side-by-side and to educate and inform the community about all aspects of energy, from generation to consumption. Please visit www.center4ee.org for more information.

About Geenex

Geenex Solar is a greenfield developer of utility-scale solar projects. Geenex is skilled in all aspects of solar project development including site evaluation, real estate procurement, facility and interconnection engineering, environmental analysis, as well as federal, state and local permitting. Geenex's experienced and community-focused team ensures a solar project's successful navigation of the development process from its initial stages through to its delivery of clean, reliable power to the grid. Geenex – Simply Solar.

Photos to accompany press release provided in separate attachment.



Georg Veit, CEO of Geenex Solar, Dr. Michael Elam, President of Halifax Community College, and Mozine Lowe, Executive Director of the Center for Energy Education (C4EE), are joined by other C4EE board members and local leaders as they cut the official ribbon opening the center's doors.



Local Halifax County school students enjoy the hands-on learning tools provided by the Center for Energy Education while other guests tour the exhibit hall.