

## WAL-MART LAUNCHES SOLAR POWER PILOT PROJECT

*Taking its largest step toward its goal of being supplied by 100 percent renewable energy*

At Wal-Mart, we believe that being a profitable and efficient business goes hand-in-hand with being a good steward of the environment. In an effort to reach Wal-Mart's larger goal of being supplied by 100 percent renewable energy, we are committed to finding more ways to implement and utilize renewable energy sources in our stores, clubs and distribution centers. And our solar power pilot project is a reflection of that commitment.

As part of a pilot project to determine solar power viability for Wal-Mart, we recently announced a major purchase of solar power from three solar power providers, SunEdison LLC, BP Solar, and PowerLight, a subsidiary of SunPower Corporation, for up to 22 combined Wal-Mart locations in California and Hawaii, marking our largest step to date in achieving our goal of being supplied by 100 percent renewable energy.

### So what's involved with the pilot project?

- Wal-Mart signed a **10-year contract with each provider, SunEdison, PowerLight, and BP Solar**, leading providers of large-scale solar power systems.
- **Wal-Mart will have solar photovoltaic (PV) electric generating systems installed in up to 22 locations in Hawaii and California combined.**
- The total solar power production from the 22 sites is **estimated to exceed 20 million KWh** (Kilowatt hours) per year, which, as an aggregate, could be one of the U.S., if not world's, top-10 largest ever solar power initiatives.
- Each solar power system installed **can provide up to 30 percent of the power for the store** on which it is installed.
- The solar power generators will **help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7,000-8,000 metric tons per year.**
- Pilot project stores are **expected to achieve savings over their current utility rates immediately**—as soon as the first day of operation.
- Wal-Mart will use the power generated by the solar panels onsite.
- Unique among most solar power purchases, **Wal-Mart will maintain ownership of the Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)** the units produce.
- Wal-Mart will use the results of the solar power pilot project to explore additional ways to achieve its renewable energy goals and determine how to move forward with solar power generation at additional Wal-Mart locations.
- **SunEdison will provide the four solar power systems** in Hawaii and four in California, **while PowerLight and BP Solar will each supply seven systems** in California.

*For more information on Wal-Mart's sustainability efforts, please visit [www.walmartstores.com](http://www.walmartstores.com).*

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