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CONSOLIDATED CARPET FURTHERING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES WITH INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS AT NEW JERSEY WAREHOUSE



CARLSTADT, N.J. – December 1, 2011 – Consolidated Carpet is proud to announce the installation of a Solar Photovoltaic System at their Carlstadt, New Jersey warehouse and office location, furthering the organization's goal of increasing sustainable energy practices.

The system will be affixed to the roof of their state of the art 100,000 square foot warehouse. The newly updated roof, consisting of white thermoplastic (TPO), will also aid in the reduction of energy usage by virtue of its high reflectivity which reduces HVAC requirements. The solar array will feature traditional hard panel photovoltaic cells. Consolidated anticipates that over 90% of the energy used in the warehouse and office will be supplied by the renewable energy generated by the solar panels.

Construction of the solar panel system is set to began in mid-November and will be completed by the end of December.

In addition to the solar panel installation and roof replacement, Consolidated is installing new energy efficient lighting fixtures in the warehouse with motion sensors to turn lights off when they are not needed. In the first year alone, emissions reductions will amount to 317,930 kWh, equivalent to 466 barrels of oil or the amount saved by keeping 44 cars off of the road for the year. It is projected that the annual electrical savings, tax credits, state incentives, and Renewable Energy Credits will provide a return on the investment of the Solar Photovoltaic System during the fourth year after installation.

Consolidated Carpet established a commitment toward sustainability over 30 years ago. As one of the nation's largest full-service floor covering contractors, Consolidated Carpet leads the industry in their environmentally conscious programs and is committed to providing innovative sustainable and reclamation services for every project.



ABOUT CONSOLIDATED CARPET: A NATIONAL LEADER WITH A TRADITION OF SERVICE

Consolidated Carpet is the nation's premier full service flooring and carpet contractor, with headquarters in the New York. As a third generation, family-owned and operated business we are hands-on, accountable and driven to satisfy our client's needs. As one of the nation's largest and most recognized *full-service floor covering contractors, we serve our clients from planning and specification through installation and maintenance. Our prestigious clients include Fortune 500 corporations, professional service firms, luxury hotel properties, institutional properties, real estate owners, and general contractors. The firm's website can be found at <u>www.consolidatedcarpet.com</u>.*

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