

Benchmark Electric Awarded Solar PV Project for Henry Turley Company Property

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South Line Apartments at Central Station in downtown Memphis is going solar. The newly constructed luxury apartment community built by Henry Turley Company will include a 9.36kW solar array and electricity generated from the array will be sold back to the Tennessee Valley Authority. The solar project was awarded to Cordova, Tennessee based Benchmark Electric, LLC.

"We are going green," said Pete Evans, Vice President of Facilities & Construction for Henry Turley Company, adding, "and clean, abundant renewable energy through solar fits in well with our revitalization efforts in downtown Memphis."

Henry Turley Company is a prominent player in revitalization efforts in downtown Memphis. For over 40-years, Henry Turley Company has built thriving downtown neighborhoods at communities like South Bluffs, Harbor Town and Uptown. The firm's residential properties range from urban lofts and re-purposed historic buildings to new construction in the growing South End. The new South Line Apartments are located on South Front Street, just south of Beale Street.

The 9.36kW solar array has been mounted on the roof of the pool house and laundry facility and is expected to generate nearly 12,000kWh annually according to David Richey, President of Benchmark Electric. "The black on black solar panels are mounted on the building's black roof and looks very impressive on the roof of the building," said Richey.

"We're using German-engineered Q-Cells solar panels at the South Line Apartments and Q-Cells is well known for reliability, durability, resistance to weathering, and resistance to loss of power and hotspots," Richey continued. "Q-Cells manufactures a high quality solar panel which comes with a 12-year product warranty and a 25-year linear performance guarantee."

Benchmark Electric was founded by David Richey in 2004, and works with high-end home builders, commercial and residential customers, and is a well-known Memphis installer of residential and commercial standby generators from Cummins Power Generation, a world leader in power generation products.

In addition to solar energy, Benchmark Electric works on power generation projects for municipal and county facilities, including recently completed projects for the Shelby County Fire Department as well as the Shelby County Sheriff Department.

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