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LARGE-SCALE SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT FORMER LANDFILL TIGHE & BOND PROVIDES ENGINEERING & PERMITTING SERVICES FOR GROUNDBREAKING PROJECT

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– This fall, Borrego Solar Systems began construction of a 2.3 megawatt solar installation array on the site of the former Oliver Street Landfill in Easthampton. Tighe & Bond has provided civil engineering, permitting and construction phase services throughout the duration of this groundbreaking project, which represents the first solar energy system constructed on a closed landfill in Massachusetts. It is also one of the largest such projects planned for the state.



The 9,620-panel system is scheduled for completion by the end of the year and should be connected to the Western Massachusetts Electric Company grid in early 2012. This renewable energy initiative is expected to save residents approximately \$1.5 million on power over a 10-year period and also signifies smart reuse of a capped municipal landfill.

Tighe & Bond has worked closely with Borrego Solar Systems, Inc. of Lowell, the City of Easthampton, and multiple state agencies to ensure compliance with regulatory guidelines and overall solar installation goals. The high profile project has already generated substantial interest from state officials, including a visit by Massachusetts Lt. Governor Timothy Murray in October.

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