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Davidson County Economic Development Commission is pleased to announce the purchase of the 356.76 acre Golden Crescent Farms by Sun Edison. Sun Edison is a Beltsville, Maryland based solar energy provider operating across global markets.

In May of 2008 Duke Energy announced signed agreements with Sun Edison to purchase the entire output of the nation's largest photovoltaic solar farm. That agreement will run for 20 years. The solar farm is to begin production no later than December, 2010.

The 21.5 megawatt (DC) farm will produce 18 megawatts (AC) with Duke customers receiving 16.1 megawatts (AC). In one year of full production the solar farm offsets 32,328,660 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>. This is the equivalent of taking 3,168 cars off the road for one year.

In making the announcement Steve Googe, Executive Director of the Davidson County Economic Development Commission said "This brings to a conclusion a broad and lengthy search for a site that covered a large part of NC and SC. We are extremely pleased to have this project site in Davidson County. With this project our community gets a wide green brush stroke and an opportunity to attract other green focused companies. With unemployment at 13.2%, the construction jobs and full-time jobs will benefit our citizens in the region."

The estimated cost to construct the project is \$173,000,000. Construction on the Linwood community site is to begin immediately.

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