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DeCotiis leads procurement process for Somerset County Renewable Energy Program

7.6MW of solar projects projected to save taxpayers \$18.35 million

As Co-Special Energy Counsel for the Somerset County Improvement (SCIA) Authority, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole headed the procurement process that led to the selection of Vanguard Energy Partners, LLC to implement its new renewable energy program.

Vanguard Energy Partners will establish 7.6 megawatts of energy-producing solar power systems at 31 local and county government locations, such as schools, libraries and community centers throughout Somerset County. Over the fifteen year term of the power purchase agreement, this solar program is expected to save taxpayers \$18.35 million and avoid an estimated 15,428,397 lbs of carbon emissions annually.

Ryan Scerbo, a DeCotiis Partner and member of the firm's Green Practice, was also a member of the Somerset Evaluation Team charged with undertaking the comprehensive evaluation process that examined the qualified proposals and made recommendations to the SCIA.

"This project will save taxpayers more than \$1 million per year in energy costs, significantly decrease carbon emissions and greatly contribute toward achieving our long-term sustainability goals," said Freeholder Director Jack M. Ciattarelli.

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"Just as importantly, with this bold initiative, we continue to demonstrate environmental leadership and our commitment to keeping Somerset the 'greenest' county in New Jersey."

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