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New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell Presents his Vision for a Green Energy Future at “Smart Cities” Conference

*Calls New Bedford an epicenter of the green economy,
Cites City’s rank as both #1 in solar energy and #1 in offshore wind energy*

New Bedford, Massachusetts – New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell is a featured speaker today at the “Smart Cities Council” conference in Purchase, New York.

The gathering is convened by the Smart Cities Council, an organization comprised of the foremost companies in the smart technologies sector. Its goal is to accelerate the growth of Smart Cities worldwide by providing city leaders and urban planners with tools and resources.

Mayor Mitchell’s remarks, entitled “Smart City, Smart Savings: The New Bedford Approach,” outlined the City’s far-ranging and ambitious green energy agenda.

The Mayor highlighted the City’s number one position nationally in both solar energy and offshore wind energy, its major partnership with the Siemens Corporation to retrofit city buildings, and its efforts to introduce electric vehicles and dramatically boost recycling, among other initiatives

“Our “Smart City” strategy is simple: We have chosen very consciously to position ourselves to take advantage of the fundamental changes taking place in how modern economies create and use energy.

“As the largest and most widely known port in Massachusetts outside of Boston, we have come to see a special role for ourselves as the world turns to renewable energy and a more sustainable future,” said Mayor Mitchell

“We have embraced green energy like few other places in America. And, as a result, New Bedford is today emerging as an epicenter of the green economy nationally,” he continued. *[For more information, see text of Mayor’s speech attached.]*

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