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“Green Economy” Company Welcomed To New Bedford Business Park

Local Manufacturer of Solar Thermal Panels and other Renewable Heating Products Moving Headquarters into City

Mayor says move is more evidence of New Bedford’s emerging role as an epicenter of the Green Economy

New Bedford, Massachusetts – Officials announced today that HTP, Inc., a Freetown-based designer and manufacturer of green, renewable, and high efficiency products for space and water heating is expanding and consolidating its operations at the former AFC Cable Systems site in the New Bedford Business Park. The company expects to create 40 new jobs, in addition to the 155 workers it already employs.

HTP is a recognized leader in the development, manufacturing and distribution of space and water heating products. The company also manufactures a variety of solar thermal panels and related products which provide renewable heat and hot water for residential and commercial applications.

“Today’s announcement shows the tremendous potential of New Bedford to play a leading role in the so-called Green Economy fast emerging in Massachusetts. We are already home to a leading solar panel installer and remain well positioned to lead the nation in offshore wind energy. HTP is exactly the kind of company that we see creating good jobs for our residents in years ahead,” said New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell.

“We are excited about HTP’s next chapter and the opportunity to grow our company in the New Bedford Business Park. This transformation will help us expand our innovative product line as we continue to produce high efficiency space and water heating systems. We hope that our energy and money saving approaches serve as a positive influence to the community and their efforts to go green,” said Dave Martin, HTP President.

“This is a big win for the Business Park and the City. HTP is family-owned business with a national reputation and a proven track record of being good corporate citizens. We look forward to continue to work with them during move to ensure everything goes as smoothly as possible,” said Derek Santos, NBEDC executive director.

In addition to moving its headquarters to New Bedford, HTP will also be relocating its Minnesota-based solar thermal manufacturing plant to the area. In all, several divisions of the company will operate from the Business Park, including executive, finance, human resources, sales, marketing, engineering, purchasing, distribution, and manufacturing.

The New Bedford location will also house HTP’s customer training center where business people from all over the world come to learn about their products. The new jobs will be in full time jobs in sales, general administrative, engineering, distribution, and manufacturing.

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