

News Release

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Tilden Solar Project to Bring Economic Benefit to Randolph County

*Investment Translates to Tax Revenue, Jobs, Economic Growth
and Long-term Community Opportunity*

TILDEN, Illinois – The Tilden Solar Project, a 150-megawatt (MW) solar project under development by Sol Systems, LLC and Tenaska, is anticipated to bring new infrastructure investment, tax revenue, construction and operations jobs, landowner lease payments and long-term economic growth opportunities to the community. The Tilden Solar Project is located in Randolph County.

“As the owner and long-term operator of the Tilden project, Sol Systems is committed to working with local residents and communities to maximize long-term opportunity and local benefit,” said Denise Jensen, Sol’s senior director of utility-scale development. “We look forward to working with Tenaska on the ground to make this project a success, and then we commit to operate the project as a trusted member of the community.”

The Tilden Solar Project will be located on approximately 1,200 acres of land under voluntary agreements with local landowners. The project does and will continue to comply with all applicable state and local requirements, including Randolph County’s solar energy systems ordinance. Currently, construction is anticipated to begin as early as 2023, with operation slated to begin as early as 2024 and continuing for 35 years.

A solar field of this size is an important economic driver for the local economy. A study conducted by Strategic Economic Research, LLC, in collaboration with Dr. David G. Loomis, a professor of economics at Illinois State University, estimates that the Tilden Solar Project would result in:

- 345 construction jobs (direct and indirect), including 180 jobs in Randolph County
- 2 full-time operations jobs in the county, plus 2 indirect jobs, for the 35-year project life
- A contribution of \$25.1 million to Randolph County’s GDP during construction, with \$556,000 during each year of operation
- Estimated tax revenues of \$19.1 million, which includes \$363,000 annually to local schools, over the project’s lifetime

Sol Systems and Tenaska have launched a website with information about the project:
<https://tildensolarproject.com/>.

The project has an office at 550 S. Railroad St., Tilden. Office hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-noon Thursdays and by appointment. Local representative Stephanie Martin can be reached via email at stephanie@tildensolarproject.com or by telephone at 618-505-6069.

About Tenaska

Tenaska is one of the leading independent energy companies in the United States, with a reputation for high standards and expertise in natural gas and electric power marketing, energy management, development and acquisition of energy assets, and operation of generating facilities. *Forbes* magazine consistently ranks Tenaska among the 50 largest private U.S. companies. Gross operating revenues were \$7.7 billion in 2020.

Tenaska is a 2021 U.S. Best Managed Company, a recognition given by Deloitte Private and *The Wall Street Journal* to private companies that demonstrate excellence in strategic planning and execution, corporate culture, and financial results.

Tenaska has developed, managed and/or operated approximately 22 gigawatts (GW) of natural gas-fueled and renewables generation. Its development portfolios include approximately 22 GW of solar, wind and energy storage projects. The current Tenaska operating fleet includes 7.5 GW of generating facilities.

More information is available at www.tenaska.com. Connect with Tenaska on [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

About Sol Systems

Sol Systems is a leading national solar energy firm with an established reputation for integrity and reliability across its development, infrastructure, and environmental commodity businesses. To date, Sol has developed and/or financed over 1 GW of solar projects valued at more than \$1 billion for Fortune 100 companies, municipalities, counties, utilities, universities, and schools and provides services to nearly 17,000 customers across the US. The company was founded in 2008, is based in Washington, D.C., and is led by its founder. Sol Systems works with its team, partners, and clients to create a more sustain able future we can all believe in. For more information, visit <https://www.solsystems.com>.

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