Invenergy/Americus Solar to Begin Phase I Construction



From the Development Authority:

Invenergy/Americus Solar continues its forward movement toward Phase I construction of a new solar farm. The farm will be constructed in three proposed phases, each projected equally at 615 Mw. Phase I construction will begin in 2022—2023.

"Completion of the total project will make the Americus Solar farm the largest U.S. farm east of the Mississippi, covering 9,661 acres," said Rusty Warner, Executive Director of the Sumter County Development Authority. "This could be the beginning of refocused attention to our county as a leading *green community* and is an excellent start to encourage new green companies and new green people."

Personal property bond financing was completed late last month, enabling Invenergy to receive solar panels and other needed equipment for the construction.

The economic impact of each phase will be tremendous to the county and its cities in job growth, local spending, and utilization of local resources. Phase I is expected to generate hundreds of construction jobs, 15 operational jobs, and millions of new investment.

Invenergy is the largest privately held renewable energy developer in North America.