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Minnesota Farmers Union Has Solar Panels Installed on New Office

St. Paul, MN (April 13, 2016) – Minnesota Farmer Union (MFU) moved into their new office in December of 2015. Prior to their move they remodeled the old office space and kept a green focus on the project with a MN based prospective.

One of the MN based companies that MFU worked with was Novel Energy Solutions, based in St Charles, MN. Founded in 2012, Novel Energy Solutions works to make inexpensive clean energy available to farms, companies, non-profit organizations and individuals alike.

“MFU policy supports renewable energy programs that allow proficiency and rewards,” stated MFU President Doug Peterson “Renewable energy helps to improve the environment, reduces costs and increases efficiency for our organization. This helps to reduce our carbon footprint and helps us to do our part for the environment.”

Novel Energy Solutions will be installing solar panels that will help MFU generate a portion of their own energy. MFU was able to take advantage of the Made in Minnesota Solar incentive program. The program is administered by the Department of Commerce with an annual budget of up to \$15 million for 10 years, including \$250,000 per year for solar thermal rebates. Incentives for solar PV are performance-based incentives (PBI), paid each year for 10 years based on the annually energy production in kilowatt hours (kWh) of the installed system. The 2016 Incentive amounts are: Residential - \$.27/kWh, Commercial - \$.18/kWh, and Tax Exempt - \$.20/kWh.

Minnesota Farmers Union plans to host an open house later this year, once the entire solar panel system is installed and will be opening their doors to anyone who would be interested in checking out the new building and Novel Energy Solutions solar panel construction.

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