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Solar Panels Installed at Jewelers Mutual Helps Company Go Green with Largest System in the Fox Cities



NEENAH, WIS. (January 26, 2016) – Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company has joined the green movement in Wisconsin. In the fall of 2015, Jewelers Mutual installed a solar panel system on the roof of their home office in Neenah, Wisconsin.

"We know the importance of taking steps to protect the environment, " says Jewelers Mutual CEO and President, Scott Murphy. "We have made multiple changes over the past year, including the installation of our solar panels and revamping our policy distribution, allowing us to cut back substantially on our paper consumption."

With the installation of 408 solar panels, Jewelers Mutual is projecting a \$750,000 savings on electricity. The life expectancy of the system is 30 to 50 years, providing savings and environmental benefits into the future.

"Solar was the fastest growing generation resource in Wisconsin in 2015, expanding from 18 megawatts (MW) at the beginning of the year to more than 25 MW at year's end," says RENEW

Wisconsin in a <u>recent press release</u>. "Solar power expanded even more vigorously elsewhere in the United States, with 7,500 MW–the equivalent of Wisconsin's increase 1,000 times over–coming on line last year."

The Jewelers Mutual system was recognized among the largest solar electric systems installed in Wisconsin in 2015, and is the largest system in the Fox Cities. The project was completed by Energize, LLC of Winneconne, WI. Energize, LLC is in its 14th year in business and their focus is solar electric and related energy storage systems. The owner, Jim Funk, first worked with solar electric, or photovoltaic, technology in 1982. Energize, LLC worked with Jewelers Mutual to understand their needs in detail, and then used their extensive experience and engineering discipline to define and install a system that provides high quality, high performance and high value for decades to come. They've installed systems throughout the Fox Cities and surrounding areas, as well as Southeast and Central WI.

ABOUT JEWELERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company, the only insurer dedicated solely to serving the jewelry industry in the United States and Canada, was founded in 1913 by a group of Wisconsin jewelers to meet their unique insurance needs. Today, Jewelers Mutual remains the trusted insurance advisor and loss prevention expert for nearly 10,000 jewelry business locations including retailers large and small, wholesalers, manufacturers, custom designers and appraisers. More than 300,000 consumers trust Jewelers Mutual to protect their personal jewelry. The company's strong financial position is reflected in its 29 consecutive ratings of "A+ Superior" from A.M. Best Company and more than \$14 billion of jewelry coverage in force. To learn more, visit JewelersMutual.com.

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