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### **AMEA DEDICATES SOLAR RESEARCH PROJECT**

The Alabama Municipal Electric Authority (AMEA) will dedicate a new solar research park, its first endeavor into the solar arena, on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. The AMEA Solar Research Park is located adjacent to the new AMEA headquarters at 80 TechnaCenter Drive in east Montgomery, near I-85. Officials with the Montgomery Chamber and the City of Montgomery will be on hand for the official ribbon cutting.

The energy produced by the 50-KW solar project will be utilized by the new headquarters building. The project was completed the end of August.

“We are proud of the new solar research project as part of our effort to enhance renewable energy in our portfolio,” said Fred Clark, AMEA President & CEO. “In conjunction with this initiative, we have been exploring and researching best practices in community solar parks in partnership with AMEA’s Member cities. The AMEA Solar Research Project will provide data on the actual solar production in our area.”

AMEA, a joint action agency formed in 1981, is the wholesale power provider for 11 public power utilities in Alabama, which serve some 350,000 customers in Alexander City, Dothan, Fairhope, Foley (Riviera Utilities), LaFayette, Lanett, Luverne, Opelika, Piedmont, Sylacauga, and Tuskegee.