

## **Accardi Foods and Solect Energy Announce Installation of Solar Array**

**MEDFORD, MA – January, 2017** – Accardi Foods, one of New England’s largest specialty food distributors based in Medford, MA, has partnered with Solect Energy of Hopkinton, MA to install a 446 kilowatt (kW) solar array on the roof of its 75,000-square-foot warehouse and office facility. The solar array is owned by Accardi Foods and is expected to cover much of the company’s annual energy costs.

After seeing numerous solar installations in the area—and in order to keep up with the current business climate—the Accardi team opted to take action toward becoming more green and making the switch to solar.

“We were thrilled to partner with Solect on this new venture,” said Anthony Devirgilio, Co-founder at Accardi Foods. “It is exciting to have finally taken a green initiative for our business by investing in solar, and the newfound financial flexibility will allow us to be more agile in our decision making by reinvesting in the business.”

The company has complete ownership of the array, and will utilize the state’s Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC) as well as the current SREC program. Accardi will now save money on its energy costs with the new array and will continue to benefit from this investment throughout the duration of the solar array’s 20-year lifetime.

“It was a pleasure working with the team at Accardi Foods on the installation of their solar array,” said Brain Herr, VP of Business Development at Solect Energy. “Not only is the system a cost-effective decision by the company, but it will have a positive environmental impact on the area and help Accardi achieve its goal of utilizing clean energy.”

With the new solar energy system in place, Accardi Foods will be able to further pursue its goal of becoming more sustainable. As owners of the array, the company has now achieved energy independence, giving it the benefit of being free from the volatile price of fossil fuels. Accardi Foods will also see a reduced carbon footprint over the years as a result of the new installation.

### **About Accardi Foods**

Founded in 1942, Accardi Foods is one of New England’s largest specialty food distributors, and one of the few remaining family owned food purveyors. They service the many fine restaurants, caterers, specialty food stores, and supermarkets throughout New England. At their 75,000 square foot warehouse and office facility in Medford, over 3000 products are inventoried and 60 employees work together every day to ensure that customers receive the service they have grown to rely on. The Accardi team is committed to providing customers with quick delivery and product reliability. To learn more, please visit <http://accardifoods.com/>.



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### **About Solect Energy**

Solect is a full-service solar photovoltaic (PV) project developer and installer based in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, delivering smart solar and energy management solutions to help businesses and organizations reduce energy costs. As an industry leader in commercial-scale solar energy, Solect takes a practical approach to the development, installation and on-going support of each system. We partner closely with our customers, providing strong financial insight and solar technology expertise to optimize their investment while creating a positive impact on the environment. Solect currently has installed over 40 MW (megawatts) of commercial PV systems, with a primary focus on commercial, light industrial and institutional properties in New England. For more information, visit <http://www.solect.com> or follow us on Twitter at [@SolectSolar](https://twitter.com/SolectSolar).