



## **Hindu Temple gets \$ 500,000 grant for solar energy**

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The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago, located in Lemont, Illinois, has received a grant of over \$500,000.00 from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for annual generation of nearly 224,034 Kilowatt-hours of electrical energy via solar.

The project, when implemented, will result in a 25 year cost saving of \$1,250,000.00, and will result in an immediate annual savings of over \$26,000.00. The solar facility will be located on the Temple land, and will have a web-based monitoring system to measure solar production at any time. The Temple was assisted in the grant application, evaluation, and negotiation process by Solar Micronics, Inc, a Burr Ridge-based solar firm, specializing in commercial, and utility-scale solar installations in both Illinois, and India.

The solar system, designed by Solar Micronics, will be installed by the company upon completion of the Temple's internal formalities. The Foundation promotes the development of clean energy, and energy efficiency among schools, and other non-profits. Although Illinois is a bit late to arrive at the solar field, it is expected that such projects will give a big boost to clean power production in the state, with the public becoming increasingly aware of the effects of pollution, and global warming, and the benefits of clean power production. One common misconception in people's minds is with respect to the availability of sunshine in the state.