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Gillibrand Announces \$49,608 for Solar Project in Chatham

September 21, 2007 - Hudson, NY - Today, local Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand announced that Solaqua Power & Art, a renewable energy, business incubator located in Chatham, had been awarded \$49,608 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program. The funds will be used to purchase and install a photovoltaic renewable energy system. The 25 kilowatt system will be installed as part of a redevelopment project at the vacant Columbia Box Board Mill in Chatham.

"I am very excited to announce this funding for Solaqua Power and Art," said Congresswoman Gillibrand a Member of the House Committee on Agriculture. "Upstate New York will play a major role in the development of renewable energy, and projects such as this will be an example of the way renewable energy can revitalize our rural communities."

"We are absolutely thrilled and energized to receive this grant to help create a solar-powered regional foods restaurant and brew pub at Solaqua Power and Art. This 25 kW solar voltaic system will provide over 90% of the electrical energy required for the restaurant's operation," says Jody Rael, President and Founder, Solaqua Power and Art.

The Rural Development Program helps fund projects from water and utility infrastructure, to economic development and job growth projects in rural communities nationwide.

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