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## **Largest Airport Solar Farm Planned in US to Begin Construction March 2013 at Indianapolis International Airport**

INDIANAPOLIS - Construction of the largest planned airport solar farm in North America is set to begin in March 2013 at the entrance to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND). This \$35-\$40 million dollar alternative energy project is a significant public-private partnership that includes the Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA), the City of Indianapolis, and privately held businesses Telamon Corporation, Johnson Melloh Solutions, and the Indianapolis Power & Light Company. All entities involved are committed to finding a creative solution to increasing sustainability in Indianapolis while helping diversify renewable sources of electric power for Indianapolis business and residential customers.

Upon its completion the 75-acre solar farm, designed and built by two local companies Telamon Corporation and Johnson Melloh Solutions, will have the capacity to produce enough renewable energy to prevent approximately 10,700 tons of carbon dioxide from being released into the environment each year—the equivalent of removing approximately 2,000 cars from the roads of central Indiana.

“Typically alternative energy projects of this size take 18-24 months of planning and development after all agreements have been signed. Our solar farm project is on schedule,” said Eric Tate, Executive Vice President for Telamon’s Energy Solutions division.

IND Solar Farm developers Telamon Corporation and Johnson Melloh Solutions report that the *Federal Aviation Administration* “FAA” approval has been received and it is anticipated that all other permits will be obtained, including: drainage, structural, electrical and airport work permits.

“Projects of this size require a lot of teamwork, and we are happy to be partnered with true professionals within the IAA and Telamon Corporation,” said Kurt Schneider, Vice President for Johnson Melloh Solutions. “The IAA deserves a lot of credit for their creativity in finding ways to generate new streams of non-airline revenue, innovative development of limited-use land, and for continuing their solid commitment to sustainability. We also commend Indianapolis Power & Light for being a leader in securing renewable electric energy alternatives for their customers.”

As operations begin later this year, the IND-based solar farm will comprise more than 41,000 solar

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panels, annually producing more than 15 million kilowatt hours of electric energy, enough to power more than 1,200 average American homes for a year.

“Both Telamon and Johnson Melloh Solutions are excited to announce the recent developments regarding the IND Solar Farm,” said Albert Chen, President and CEO of Telamon Corporation. “We look forward to continuing our role in the preconstruction, construction, oversight, and commissioning stages of the project as a venture partner.”

Over the next three months, travelers entering IND will see land surveyors working to finalize grid layouts and conducting land-preparation surveys; access road development; fencing; and excavation while final selections for engineering and contracting firms occur.

“Today’s solar power costs are becoming relatively competitive with the energy costs we will see here in the coming years.” said Travis Murphy, Johnson Melloh Solutions’ Director of Marketing. “Solar power does make good economic sense and we are excited by this opportunity to forge new ground in Indiana.”

Construction is planned to start at the end of March 2013. Once concrete is poured, arrays will begin to interconnect into IPL’s airport substation.

“As the first airport in the U.S. to receive LEED® certification for its entire campus, IND is the appropriate home to the largest airport-based solar farm in the country,” said Robert Duncan, executive director for the IAA. “We believe the public-private partnership formed to build and manage this new solar farm is a natural fit to our commitment to both economic and environmental sustainability.”

#### Additional Indianapolis International Airport facts:

- IND’s economic impact in Central Indiana is more than \$4.5 billion annually, and about 10,000 people work at the airport each day.
- IND serves more than 7 million business and leisure travelers each year and averages 141 daily flights to 33 nonstop destinations.
- IND is home of the world’s second-largest FedEx Express operation and the nation’s eighth-largest cargo airport.

#### Timeline of IND Solar Farm construction and deployment:

- Project announcement (September 2011)
- Pre-development activities (October 2011 - August 2012)
- Permitting and approvals (September 2012 – February 2013)
- Pre-construction activities (February 2013 - March 2013)
- Construction (April – August 2013)
- Commissioning

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Telamon Corporation's goal is to simplify business. We specialize in solutions for telecommunications, business transactions, energy, assembly, and logistics for medical material. Based in Carmel, Indiana, we operate in ten locations – eight domestic and two international. Telamon, the Greek word for "support", is uniquely positioned as a minority-owned company. We continuously exceed customer expectations and standards and have been recognized globally through numerous awards and certifications. Using the servant model, at Telamon, your needs are our only priority. For more information, please visit our website at [www.telamon.com](http://www.telamon.com).

#### **ABOUT JOHNSON MELLOH SOLUTIONS**

Formed in response to the growing need of an energy services company that can self-perform, Johnson Melloh Solutions focuses on energy conservation services and general contracting for customer classes, ranging from residential renewable energy offerings to energy savings contracting for school systems to large-scale industrial energy plant management and service. JMS develops a holistic evaluation of their customers' energy infrastructure and then has the wherewithal to implement the ideas. We at JMS stand ready to address all of the energy demands our clients may face. For more information, please visit our website at [www.johnsonmellohsolutions.com](http://www.johnsonmellohsolutions.com).

#### **ABOUT THE INDIANAPOLIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system. In addition to Indianapolis International Airport, its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport, Indianapolis Regional Airport, and Metropolitan Airport. IND has received several prestigious awards recognizing it as a leader within its class, including annual Airport Service Quality awards for performance excellence by Airports Council International. IND is the first airport in the U.S. to win LEED® certification for an entire terminal campus, and the airport has won recognition for excellent customer service, concessions programs, and art and architecture.

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#### **INDIANAPOLIS Power & Light Company**

Indianapolis Power & Light Company provides retail electric service to more than 470,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Indianapolis, as well as portions of other Central Indiana communities surrounding Marion County. During its long history, IPL has supplied its customers with some of the lowest-cost, most reliable power in the country. For more information about the company, please visit [www.IPLpower.com](http://www.IPLpower.com).

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