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## **MEDIA ADVISORY/PHOTO OPPORTUNITY** **AC DC Powers-Up CMGC Parking Deck**

**WHAT:** The City of Charlotte nears completion of its new solar structure mounted on the roof of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (CMGC) parking deck. Solar panel install will be in progress and project representatives available for interviews with a great city skyline view in the background.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 22, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**WHERE:** CMGC Parking Deck – Fifth Floor, 232 South Davidson Street.

**PARKING:** Park in the circle at CMGC. Take the deck elevator to the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the parking deck.

**WHO:** David Smith, Project Manager, City of Charlotte Engineering & Property Management  
Mark Caddell, National Renewable Energy Corporation (NARENCO)

**WHY:** The City's new solar panel system will generate approximately 12,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year, equivalent to the amount of energy consumed by an average U.S. household. The direct current (DC) generated by the panels is converted to alternating current (AC), which will help power the deck's electrical system, which includes lighting, security systems, elevators, gates, and the soon to be installed electric vehicle charging stations. To learn more visit [www.power2charlotte.com](http://www.power2charlotte.com).



**A crane lifts the structure that will support the solar panels into place.**