# **Current Connection**

### First panels installed on large-scale solar projects



Mike Burroughs, Gulf Power; Ed Feo, Coronal Energy and Col. Craig Johnson, Eglin AFB, tighten the last bolt on the first solar panel at Eglin AFB.

The first solar panels were installed recently at Eglin Air Force Base, NAS Pensacola's Saufley Field, and NAS Whiting's Holley Field. As part of an innovative partnership with Coronal Energy powered by Panasonic, the Air Force and the Navy, we are working toward meeting the energy needs of the region.

When complete, the combined projects will be among Florida's largest solar projects with approximately 1.5 million solar panels capable of generating up to 120 megawatts of electricity. That's enough energy to power around 18,000 homes annually. Energy produced by the solar projects will provide power for Gulf Power customers across Northwest Florida. Combined they will be one of the largest solar projects east of the Mississippi.

Gulf Power is investing in smart renewables like these solar projects that make economic sense for our customers. These solar projects are vital to building a sustainable energy infrastructure and help diversify Gulf Power's energy mix.

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