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**THE BUCK INSTITUTE, EDF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MCE
HOST PRESS CONFERENCE TO CELEBRATE LARGEST MARIN SOLAR INSTALLATION
*Thursday, May 12 at The Buck Institute For Research on Aging***

NOVATO, CA. — MCE, EDF Renewable Energy and the Buck Institute are hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 12 to celebrate the completion of a solar carport project, spanning 4 acres, at the Buck Institute in Novato. This 1 megawatt (MW) solar project was negotiated as part of the larger 23 MW “Cottonwood” solar project that EDF Renewable Energy built in 2015 in central California under contract with MCE.

The energy produced by the solar photovoltaic carport will provide enough power for up to 300 homes per year and will provide shade and weather protection for Buck employees and visitors. EDF Renewable Energy developed the solar array at the Buck Institute and Cupertino Electric, an IBEW signatory contractor, built the structure over a six-month period, supporting 25 jobs.

The project is scheduled to begin delivering power in May. A formal ribbon-cutting will be held at the Buck Institute.

Speakers: Judy Arnold, Marin County Supervisor, District 5; Dr. Brian Kennedy, CEO of Buck Institute; Dawn Weisz, CEO of MCE; Tim Jensen, Cupertino Electric Director of Construction; Ryan Pfaff, EDF Renewable Energy Executive VP for Development

What: A celebration and press conference celebrating the completion of construction of Marin’s largest solar project.

When: Thursday, May 12, 2016; 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Where: The Buck Institute, 8001 Redwood Boulevard, Novato, California.

Additional Details: This press conference will have excellent indoor and outdoor photo opportunities.

RSVP: Please RSVP at Meghan.Muat@edf-re.com

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