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Maine Resort Basks in the Sun

The Cliff House Resort & Spa Installs One of Maine's Largest Solar Thermal Projects

- One of the largest solar thermal projects in Maine - The Cliff House Resort & Spa has installed 2,100 tubes on 70 collectors to harness the sun's energy to provide heating and hot water in its Spa building.
- The energy created from the solar thermal system is equivalent to that required for generating hot water for 35 households for a year.
- In the Spa building with its 32 guest rooms and 10 treatment rooms – 25-30% of heat and hot water will be generated by the sun.
- The Cliff House Resort & Spa will save about 11,000 gallons of propane each year by using the solar thermal system - reducing its use of fossil fuels by about 30%.
- 140,000 lbs of green house gas emissions will be kept out of the air each year – this is equivalent to CO₂ emissions generated from the electricity used by 8 family homes in a year.
- A grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and federal tax credits helped offset project costs and reduce simple payback to less than six years.
- The project was completed in its entirety by a team of Maine-based businesses:
 - General Contractors: Nelson & Small Energy Conservation Products, Inc., an affiliate of Nelson & Small, Inc. of Portland
 - Project Supervisor and Contractor for Steel Grid: Cimino Construction of Scarborough
 - Architects/Engineers: Harriman Associates of Portland
 - Mechanical Contractors: Johnson & Jordan of Scarborough
 - Steel Fabricators: James McBrady of Scarborough
 - Roofing Specialists: SMR, Inc. of Scarborough
 - Steel Erectors: American Aerial Services, Inc. of Falmouth
 - Piping Insulators: Portland Insulation of New Gloucester
 - Construction Loan Servicer: Norway Savings Bank
 - Permanent Loan Servicer: Finance Authority of Maine



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The Cliff House Resort & Spa, located on 70 oceanfront acres in southern Maine, offers premier guest services, fine dining, a world-class spa and conference facilities. Owned and operated by the Weare Family since 1872, the resort is celebrating its 140th season in 2012. More information can be found at www.cliffhousemaine.com, on [Facebook](#) or by calling (207) 361-1000. Media inquiries should be directed to Jessica Gilman at [Vreeland Marketing & Design: jgilman@vreeland.com](mailto:jgilman@vreeland.com) or (207) 846-3714.