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## Stanford Students Environmental Consulting to Conduct a Solar Feasibility Study for GHA

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The Galveston Housing Authority (GHA) has contracted with Stanford Students Environmental Consulting (SSEC) to conduct a Solar Feasibility Study for its existing developments (Scattered Sites and Oaks IV). The study will present GHA with options for retrofitting solar energy (photovoltaic) design into its existing developments. The study will include information of photovoltaic solar use in Galveston and Texas, an engineering analysis, financial analysis, and integration analysis. If the recommendations are implemented, the GHA will be able to reduce utility operating costs and use the savings towards other initiatives.

The study will also benefit the families that GHA currently assists through its public housing program. As energy costs continue to rise, the implementation of solar energy at existing developments will dramatically reduce utility bills for low-income families. This will increase financial independence for families being assisted by the housing authority.

SSEC is a group of dedicated, business and environmentally focused students at Stanford University. They provide consulting services to help organizations address their most challenging environmental problems. The Stanford Students Environmental Consulting is conducting this study free of charge.

For more information on SSEC, please visit their website at:

<http://stanford.edu/group/ssecg/cgi-bin/drupal/>

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