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## **Republic Services and Soltage Host Ribbon Cutting Dedication to Celebrate the Activation of a Major Solar Project Capable of Powering 1,900 Local Homes**

### **Innovative Project is Turning Massachusetts Brownfields into Sources of Renewable Energy**

PLAINVILLE, Mass. (Sept. 28, 2017) – Republic Services and renewable energy company Soltage today celebrated the activation of a 13.5 - megawatt solar energy project constructed on three former landfill sites, or brownfields, in Massachusetts. Based on preliminary estimates, this project is expected to produce enough electricity to power 1,900 local households. When complete, the project will be comprised of 41,000 solar panels that will provide electricity for Massachusetts municipalities. These solar farms, located in East Bridgewater, Plainville and Randolph, are also expected to reduce carbon emissions by more than 14,000 tons, which is the equivalent of removing the impact of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from almost 2,000 homes.

“We believe in leading by example in everything we do,” said Nick Stefkovich, market vice president of Republic Services. “This solar project reflects Republic’s commitment to environmental responsibility and our efforts to make a meaningful and lasting environmental difference in the communities we serve. New England is home to considerable natural beauty and we are truly proud to invest in its preservation.”

Landfills can often provide opportunities to harness energy from yesterday’s waste and convert it into renewable energy for tomorrow’s power needs. This project in Massachusetts represents Republic’s commitment to the expanded application of solar energy technologies on former landfills, and complements existing solar energy projects in Texas, Georgia and Nevada.

“Solar is an excellent development opportunity for former landfills, providing additional revenue streams to the landowner, affordable power for the local communities and strong environmental benefits for the state,” said Jesse Grossman, CEO of Soltage. “Republic has shown their commitment to environmental leadership as well as their commitment to supporting the local community. By installing solar infrastructure on landfills, together we’re able to provide low-cost power for local Massachusetts communities and support the local economy.”

Basalt Infrastructure Partners, an independent infrastructure investment firm, acted as the primary investor on the project. This is the first solar project between Republic and Soltage, and the first project completed as part of the Basalt-Soltage \$140 million equity capital partnership to fund over 100 megawatts of commercial and industrial (C&I) and utility-scale pipeline of solar projects across the United States.

“We are pleased to work with Soltage and Republic in providing the capital to support the innovative siting, delivery and construction methods for solar projects that will provide many years of clean energy for Massachusetts,” said Rob Gregor, Managing Partner of Basalt Infrastructure Partners.

Known as the Blue Planet™ sustainability initiative, Republic is defining its approach to environmental responsibility through decreased vehicle emissions, innovative landfill technologies, the generation and use of renewable energy, community engagement and employee growth opportunities.

To view Republic’s Sustainability Report, go to [RepublicServices.com/Sustainability](http://RepublicServices.com/Sustainability).

### **About Republic Services**

*Republic Services, Inc. is an industry leader in U.S. recycling and non-hazardous solid waste. Through its subsidiaries, Republic’s collection companies, recycling centers, transfer stations and landfills focus on providing effective solutions to make proper waste disposal effortless for its 14 million customers. We’ll handle it from here.™, the brand’s promise, lets customers know they can count on Republic to provide a superior experience while fostering a sustainable Blue Planet for future generations to enjoy a cleaner, safer and healthier world.*

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### **About Soltage**

*Soltage is a full-service renewable energy company developing, financing, installing, owning and operating solar power generating stations, providing electricity to commercial, industrial, educational, utility and municipal customers. The company has more than 50 solar projects and more than 150 MW of generation capacity under management across eight states and has deployed more than \$350 million into solar generation projects since 2006.*

### **About Basalt**

*Basalt is an infrastructure equity investment fund focusing on investments in utilities, energy and transport infrastructure in the United States, Canada and Europe. The establishment of this platform is the second transaction entered into by Basalt following the acquisition of Detroit Renewable Energy which was announced in July 2017.*

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