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Tuskegee OKs \$39M solar energy project

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The city of Tuskegee recently entered into an agreement with Tuskegee Solar Services regarding a \$39 million solar energy project that would be in the city's commerce park.

Tuskegee Solar Services CEO Thomas Reed Jr. signed a lease with the city July 13 after the

Tuskegee City Council approved an amendment to the agreement.

Reed, who is originally from Tuskegee, plans to move back to his hometown from New Orleans.

City Manager James Harper said 74 acres of the Tuskegee Commerce Park will be reserved to set up solar panels and facilitate solar energy development

equipment and activity.

"From there, he will generate solar energy and he will be able to sell it," Harper said. "He will not be able to compete with the UBT (Utilities Board of Tuskegee), our local utility, nor will he be able to compete with any similar operations in our area."

Harper said there will be several phases to the project.

The first phase, which is expected to begin in October, will provide 25 jobs to the city during its construction.

Harper said a groundbreaking for the solar farm is planned for November 2017.

Tuskegee Mayor Johnny Ford explained how the project will benefit the city.

"We're excited about it because it will provide an al-

ternate source of energy, it will create jobs and it will be a boost to our local economy," he said.

"We are pleased that Mr. Thomas Reed Jr., the primary person who is developing this industry, this business, has decided to locate in our commerce park. Solar energy is a good alternate source of energy for our area and the state of Alabama."

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

HERstory: Clinton promises steady hand in dangerous world



Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton speaks Thursday during the final day of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

America's first woman presidential candidate touts her experience

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Promising Americans a steady hand, Hillary Clinton cast herself Thursday night as a unifier for divided times, an experienced leader steered for a volatile world. She aggressively challenged Republican Donald Trump's ability to do the same.

"Imagine him in the Oval Office facing a real crisis," Clinton said as she accepted the Democratic nomination for president. "A man you can bait with a tweet is not a man we can trust with nuclear weapons."

Clinton took the stage to roaring ap-

plause from flag-waving delegates on the final night of the Democratic convention, relishing her nomination as the first woman to lead a major U.S. political party. But her real audience was the millions of voters watching at home, many of whom may welcome her experience as secretary of state senator, and first lady, but question her character.

She acknowledged those concerns briefly, saying "I get it that some people just don't know what to make of me." But her primary focus was persuading Americans to not be seduced by Trump's vague promises to restore economic security and fend off threats

from abroad.

'Opportunity for our future'

Clinton's four-day convention began with efforts to shore up liberals who backed Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primary and it ended with an outstretched hand to Republicans and independents unnerved by Trump. A parade of military leaders, law enforcement officials and Republicans took the stage ahead of Clinton to endorse her in the general election contest with Trump.

"This is the moment, this is the

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Auburn University



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Instructor Kelly Strickland helps Julia Altman find a vein Thursday during Auburn University's first nursing camp.

Nursing school camp offers glimpses into health care jobs

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A training arm lay across the table as 16-year-old James Rodgers, equipped with a needle and plastic catheter, searched for the manikin's vein and administered his first IV.

"That's the most fun needle that we've gotten to poke so far," said Rodgers, who traveled from Huntsville for the Auburn University School of Nursing's first Nursing and Healthcare Camp for high school students. Twenty-seven students traveled from across the nation and even as far as Amsterdam to explore the health care field for the weeklong experience.

After receiving several requests for a nursing camp and despite space limitations, the camp finally came together this year, said Amy Curtis, assistant clinical professor, as she helped guide students Thursday as they administered IVs.

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Bentley: Lottery best option left for revenue in Alabama

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY — Gov. Robert Bentley once said state lotteries were as outdated as leisure suits, but in throwing his support to a state lottery this week he said it was the only revenue option left in the closet.

Bentley, in an opinion piece submitted Wednesday to news outlets, said lawmakers have rejected the idea of tax increases

while the state faces a continued revenue crisis. The governor did not name the state's Medicaid program in the piece, but said the state's revenue troubles could force "gut-wrenching" decisions to cut programs for children, the disabled and the elderly.



Bentley

children, the disabled and the elderly.

"I will not, as your governor and as a physician, watch as our most helpless and vulnerable people go without a doctor's care. I can't bear to think of the half-million children who, through no fault of their own, are born into poverty and have no way to get basic medical treatment they need to grow healthy and strong," Bentley wrote.

The governor said, "At bare minimum, we must care for our

truly vulnerable."

Bentley in the opinion piece expanded on his Wednesday announcement calling a special session for lawmakers to consider the idea of a state lottery.

Sometimes you have to go with the 'ill-fitting' suit

He acknowledged how he once likened state lotteries to leisure suits because he thought they were an outdated idea that was

once the rage as state after state approved lotteries.

Alabama lawmakers instead, he said, pieced together past budgets with borrowed money, slashed government services and debated tax increases, but the state still faces perpetual revenue troubles.

"Well, sometimes when the leisure suit is the only thing you've

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