

University of California signs major solar deal

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The University of California says it has made one of the largest ever solar-energy purchases by a university system in the United States.

The UC system, one of the largest public university systems in the nation, says the deal will provide enough [solar power](#) to offset 60 percent of the electricity use at five of the state's 10 campuses, as well as some university medical centers.

UC electricity manager Mark Byron said Monday that a 25-year deal with San Mateo-based Frontier Renewables will provide 80 [megawatts](#) in solar power, or 200,000 megawatt-hours annually.

Terms of the deal have not been disclosed.

The schools say they have a projected goal of becoming carbon-neutral across the system by 2025. That means reducing its net emission of climate-changing carbon to zero.

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