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Utah's Bureau of Land Management will lease three parcels of public land for solar energy following the first competitive bid for solar leasing in Utah. Minersville Solar Energy paid more than \$164,000 dollars to lease the land in Beaver County. The parcels make up more than 4,800 acres, and if they're fully developed, the solar facilities could power 170,000 homes. BLM Utah said it's "committed to using public lands to generate renewable energy." -- Caroline Ballard

Salt Lake City's 9th and 9th whale sculpture isn't the only piece of public art that's making waves. St. George now has a 12-foot-tall dragon keeping watch over a downtown roundabout. Utah artist Deveren Farley created the piece -- called "Dad" -- out of scrap metal and Utah license plates confiscated by the Salt Lake City evidence department. Deveren suggests visiting at night when car headlights make the piece glow. Unlike the Salt Lake City whale, the St. George News reports the dragon is for sale for \$34,000. -- Caroline Ballard

According to Energy Manager Larry Yang, U of T's St. George campus accounts for 85% of the university's overall carbon footprint including its historical buildings and energy-intensive laboratories and research spaces.

According to Ron Saporta, chief operating officer, property services and sustainability, the installed solar panels also create a balance between upgrading infrastructure and maintaining the historic look of the St. George campus.

"We have more than 100 buildings on campus, which gives us lots of roof space and amazing potential for more solar renewable energy," Saporta says. "I see us installing more until we have maximized our capacity."

In addition to growing solar capacity, F& S is also hoping to get the most out of solar by exploring additional technologies such as solar hot water, passive solar walls, and energy storage.



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