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Solar-energy distributor Advanced Green Technologies is expanding in North Carolina, taking advantage of the state's tax incentives for solar operations.

The Florida-based company plans to open a 1,500-square-foot Charlotte office in a business park at 5239 Old Dowd Road, near Charlotte/Douglas International Airport.

"We expect to hire one person in the short term and will have a lot of people traveling there," says Yann Brandt, AGT vice president. "If successful, we would add three to five more support staff."

Meanwhile, the company says it nearing financing for a 2.3-megawatt solar project in eastern North Carolina.

"We have completed the buildout and will put a demonstration unit up on the roof," Brandt says. "The project we've been working on should be the largest rooftop solar installation of its kind in the state."

He says North Carolina is a promising market because of its 35 percent tax credit for renewable-energy projects.

The 2.3-megawatt system will cost about \$14 million. AGT will sell energy from the facility to Raleigh-based Progress Energy Inc. (NYSE: PGN).

AGT's main offices are in Fort Lauderdale and Paris, and it has additional offices in Wilmington, N.C.; Portland, Ore.; and Long Island, N.Y.

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