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Boston Continues City-Wide Rollout of BigBelly® Solar Compactors

In May 2008, the City of Boston took delivery of another 44 *BigBelly*® Solar Compactors, incrementing the total now at work throughout the City to be more than 150 units. This total represents a significant portion of the targeted 750 units the City plans to deploy and making good on Mayor Thomas Menino's stated goal to rollout *BigBelly* citywide.

System-wide Solution

The Mayor's commitment to *BigBelly* followed the successful conclusion of extensive testing of 50 units purchased by the City in April 2006. Pleased with the results of their pilot efforts, Mayor Menino stated,

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BigBelly Delivers

Boston has confirmed that *BigBelly* delivers on its promise of reducing collection trips, containing trash with its enclosed design, keeping rodents and pests out of the trash, preventing overflows and reducing litter. Tim McCarthy, of Boston Public Works, summarized the City's positive evaluation of the *BigBelly* solar compactors:

"The results have been excellent. The public response has been nothing but positive, and we have realized the desired benefits for the city – it will save the city time and money, keep litter from overflowing, and discourage illegal dumping of trash. This will save us a lot of time when guys are filling potholes, fixing sidewalks and doing other things."

Neighborhood Support

The City has received both a groundswell of support in locations where the *BigBelly* units are installed, and requests from other neighborhoods concerned with their litter problems. To date the City has made three additional purchases and installed units in the densely populated and historic North End, as well as high-profile neighborhoods like Back Bay, the South End, the Downtown Business District, and in the Fenway, home of the Boston Red Sox.