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The 500 kW fuel cell project will generate power through a clean and efficient electrochemical process, providing approximately 25% of the power required by the sports and entertainment venue each year. The Bloom Energy Servers will also reduce STAPLES Center's carbon emissions by 2.2 million pounds of carbon annually, a 39% reduction compared to electricity purchased from the local utility.

The purchase of the new technology for the downtown Los Angeles sports and entertainment arena furthers STAPLES Center's reputation as 'the most efficient arena in the world.'

This project contributes to the sustainability goals created by AEG, owners of STAPLES Center, as part of the organization's corporate environmental sustainability program, AEG 1EARTH, and the mission to reduce the company's environmental impact and drive business value through sustainability for all company assets including more than 100 venues affiliated with its AEG Facilities division.

In addition to the Bloom Energy fuel cells, STAPLES Center has a 346 kW rooftop solar array, which has helped power events with renewable energy for the past seven years, and nearly 500 waterless urinals have saved the City of Los Angeles more than 2.3 million gallons of water annually.

In 2014, STAPLES Center became the first U.S. NHL arena and first NBA arena to use specially developed LED sports lighting which save approximately 1,250,000 kWh of electricity each year.

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