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GARDEN STATE RECOGNIZES CLEAN ENERGY LEADERS

*Johnson & Johnson, Dome-Tech, Township of Montclair, Bayonne Board of Education
And New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Church in America Honored
During New Jersey Clean Energy Conference*

(NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ) -- The New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, hosted by The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and its Office of Clean Energy, proved that clean power is smart business in the Garden State.

As part of this year's conference, the first annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards recognized organizations that made powerful choices to select energy efficient and renewable energy technologies to benefit their businesses and communities. The awards were presented in five categories that showcased New Jersey institutions, manufacturers, businesses, schools and communities.

"There are a growing number of individuals, businesses and communities in New Jersey who are demonstrating leadership and by doing so, advance the market for clean energy," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "We are proud to recognize New Jersey's Clean Energy Leaders who serve as a model for energy conservation and the development of renewable energy resources. Their success and savings will encourage other New Jersey residential and business communities to follow in their footsteps and to take advantage of the financing and incentive programs available through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program."

The winners of the 2005 New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards included:

- **New Jersey Clean Energy Business Leader of the Year: Johnson & Johnson**
Johnson & Johnson was recognized for its leadership in setting a higher standard for its industry and for its broad array of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that benefit business and are good for New Jersey. This past year, Johnson & Johnson's New Jersey facilities completed more than 40 energy and cost saving projects as part of their Enhanced Energy Best Practices program. Annually, these projects will save the company almost \$700,000 and will contribute to J&J's climate protection goals by avoiding 4,391 tons of carbon dioxide. In addition, Johnson & Johnson has installed more photovoltaic (PV) solar projects nationwide than any other single company, including one of the largest PV projects in New Jersey -- with plans to install three more PV projects in

the State. Combined, their PV systems and Green Power purchases represent almost 25 percent of total energy use for their New Jersey facilities.

- **New Jersey Clean Energy Market Innovator: Dome-Tech**
Dome-Tech, a New Jersey home-grown business based in Edison, has shown innovation in advancing New Jersey's clean energy market through energy services which deliver cost savings for its clients and demonstrate that clean energy is smart business. Dome-Tech, which was launched in 1989 from the home of two New Jersey residents, has grown to be a leading provider of energy efficient and green building services and now includes over 50 employees and generates revenues exceeding \$15 million annually. The company is responsible for New Jersey's largest microturbine installation, first commercial fuel cell installation and one of the State's largest roof mounted PV system – with a capacity of 500 kW. Over a period of 18 months, Dome-Tech estimates that their combined clean energy projects delivered clean air benefits equivalent to removing 3,100 cars from New Jersey's roads or planting 4,800 acres of trees.
- **New Jersey Clean Energy School: Bayonne Board of Education**
The Bayonne Board of Education has shown dedicated focus on energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The Board's forward-thinking approach has saved taxpayers over \$40,000 to date, through the construction of PV arrays on nine public school buildings in the district. Bayonne was one of the first New Jersey schools to apply for a solar rebate from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program to reduce up front costs. The solar installation combined with energy efficient lighting upgrades will reduce their energy requirements by 50 percent. Once completed, the project will produce about 2 MW of power and save the school district an estimated \$500,000 a year. In addition, the solar electric system will provide an opportunity for students, teachers and community residents to learn first hand about the benefits of solar energy.
- **New Jersey Clean Energy Municipality: Township of Montclair**
Montclair has demonstrated a clear commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency programs that provide environmental and costs-saving measures that benefit its residents. Montclair invested in a fleet of six clean fuel vehicles and upgraded their municipal traffic lights to Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs) with the help of rebates and incentives from the New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. They also are constructing the Rand School, the town's first "green" school, which will include a geothermal heating/cooling system and PV solar panel installations on its roof.
- **New Jersey Clean Energy YOUR POWER TO SAVE Project of the Year: *New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)***
The New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in partnership with Greenfaith and Sun Farm Network, was recognized for its Lighting the Way campaign. Through the campaign, which received funding for outreach from New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, ECLA dedicated themselves to installing PV systems on 25 religious institutions throughout New Jersey with their Lighting the Way campaign. After Grace Lutheran Church in Medham volunteered to be the pilot project for the program, the NJ Synod began to actively promote it, resulting in 11 more institutions having installed or that are in the process of installing PV arrays at their facility. The Project of the Year award was presented to ECLA because is a New Jersey-based project that demonstrates Your Power to Save by reducing energy use, lowering costs, and protecting the environment.

The New Jersey Clean Energy Conference brought together more than 360 leading businesses and energy professionals to learn, network and discuss issues shaping the Mid Atlantic energy market in general and the New Jersey energy market in particular. The theme of this year's conference was "Clean Energy. Smart Business."

The conference also featured a variety of speakers, including NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox and many of the market leaders who have already invested in clean energy technologies. Highlights included: presentations by leading energy experts; breakout sessions featuring topical discussions on the practical application of clean energy to businesses; and how New Jersey businesses can take advantage of the financial incentives available to them.

Specific panel discussions focused on Clean Energy Project Financing, Renewable Energy Certificate Markets, Energy Efficient Buildings and Energy Procurement -- with participants including representatives from PJM Interconnection, Johnson & Johnson Worldwide, the NJ Economic Development Authority, Hudson United Bank, Dome-Tech Solar, PSE&G, World Energy Solutions and Schoor DePalma. The 2005 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference was sponsored by more than a dozen clean energy market participants, including BP Solar, Dome-Tech Solar, Altermity Power, Honeywell Utility Solutions, Energy Outfitters, Pfister, U.S. Green Buildings Council, New Jersey Business & Industry Association, Public Service Electric & Gas, and the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU)

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities is a state agency and regulatory authority mandated to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable rates for New Jersey customers. Critical services regulated by the NJBPU include natural gas, electricity, water, wastewater, telecommunications and cable television. The Board has general oversight responsibility for monitoring utility service, responding to consumer complaints, and investigating utility accidents. To find out more about the NJBPU, visit our web site at www.bpu.state.nj.us

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program

New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, established on January 22, 2003 in accordance with the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act (EDECA), provides financial and other incentives to the State's residential customers, businesses and schools that install high-efficiency or renewable energy technologies, thereby reducing energy usage, lowering customers' energy bills and reducing environmental impacts. The program is authorized and overseen by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.