



New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2007 CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awards Recognize Organizations, Communities, Businesses and Residents who Show Commitment and Drive toward Climate Change Solutions

(TRENTON, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP) and its Office of Clean Energy today announced it is accepting entries for its third annual *New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards*.

The New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards are a chance for New Jersey businesses, organizations, municipalities, schools and residences to be recognized for outstanding projects that use clean energy technologies to help reduce greenhouse gases and deliver savings. These groups, by embracing and promoting clean energy throughout their respective organizations, have helped New Jersey create a vibrant economy and healthy environment through the use of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies.

"The level of engagement and willingness on the part of the New Jersey businesses, organizations, municipalities, schools and residences to get involved in the clean energy market is amazing," said Jeanne M. Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. "This awards program has consistently allowed us to provide these stand-out groups/individuals with an opportunity to receive the recognition that they deserve for the commitments that they have made to the environment and to this state."

Prior leadership award winners have included Atlantic County Utility Authority, BASF, Bayonne School District, Dome-Tech, Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Borough of Highland Park, Johnson & Johnson, the Township of Montclair, Monmouth University, New Jersey American Water, Powerlight, Sandy Alexander and other organizations and municipalities that continue to contribute to climate change solutions and energy efficient technologies.

This year's awards include categories that highlight New Jersey residential and commercial projects, market innovators, manufacturers, businesses, schools and communities. The awards also recognize the "Clean Power Purchaser of the Year."

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Eligible nominations may include:

- Solar energy installations or outstanding projects that promote the use of renewable energy technology in New Jersey schools, communities or businesses;
- Clean Energy manufacturers based in New Jersey;
- Businesses that demonstrate innovation in advancing the market for clean energy and clean energy technologies;
- Educational programs (not exclusive to schools);
- Energy efficient building design;
- Projects that use renewable energy in combination with energy efficiency technology or processes;
- Renewable energy initiatives at a school or college;
- New industrial processes and/or equipment;
- Clean energy innovations, which include new methods utilizing existing technologies;
- Use of alternative fuels; and,
- Use of renewable energy;
- Commitment to brownfield redevelopment.

All entries are due by May 28, 2007, and projects must be developed and/or located in New Jersey to be eligible. The 2007 winners will be announced at this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Conference scheduled for September 27 and 28 at the New Brunswick Hyatt.

Please visit www.njcleanenergy.com/conference to download a nomination form as well as read a complete listing of the guidelines and criteria for the 2007 Clean Energy Leadership Awards. In addition, visitors can read more about last year's Clean Energy Leadership Awards recipients.

Completed nomination forms for the 2007 Clean Energy Awards must be submitted via email with duplicate printed copies to:

NJ Clean Energy Leadership Awards
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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBP)

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 NJBP 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 NJBP, 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.