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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2008 CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awards Recognize CleanTech Businesses, Energy Efficiency Programs and Organizations Dedicated to Curbing the Effects of Global Warming

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

The New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards are a chance to highlight the clean energy initiatives and cleantech industry that is taking off in New Jersey. Businesses, organizations, municipalities, educational facilities and residences are recognized for outstanding projects that use clean energy technologies to help reduce greenhouse gases and deliver savings. By embracing and promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy alternatives throughout their respective organizations, these groups have helped New Jersey rise as a leader in clean energy solutions that work hard to fight the effects of global warming.

“The commitment that these organizations, businesses, municipalities and residents show toward creating climate change solutions is extraordinary and deserves to be recognized,” said Jeanne M. Fox, President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. “Each year this awards program brings exciting new projects to the forefront and truly identifies the Clean Energy Leaders of this State who are an integral part of New Jersey’s developing green economy.”

Prior leadership award winners have included Springfield Commons, EPV Solar, Middlesex County Showroom of Environmental Technology, New Jersey Resources, Trump Marina, Prout Funeral Home, Ferreira Construction and other organizations and municipalities that continue to contribute to clean energy solutions and energy efficient technologies.

This year’s awards include categories that highlight New Jersey cleantech businesses, residential and commercial projects, market innovators, manufacturers, businesses, educators 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;
- CleanTech companies that have come on board in New Jersey or contributed to the completion of a project 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;
- Use of renewable energy; and,
- Commitment to brownfield redevelopment.

All entries are due by June 6, 2008, and projects must be developed and/or located in New Jersey to be eligible. The 2008 winners will be announced at this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Conference, scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008, at the Jersey City Hyatt.

Please visit www.njcleanenergy.com/conference to download a nomination form as well as a complete listing of the guidelines and criteria for the *2008 Clean Energy Leadership Awards*. In addition, visitors can read more about last year's Clean Energy Leadership Awards recipients.

Completed nomination forms for the 2008 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 (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.