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NEW JERSEY'S CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM™ ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY PARTNERS PROGRAM INCENTIVES

*Towns Eligible for Financial Incentives that Reward Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Energy Partnerships*

(NEWARK, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) *Clean Energy Program* announced that its *Community Partners Initiative* will expand to offer a variety of financial incentives for communities that increase local participation in the state's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. To receive these incentives, towns must be registered program partners and achieve specific goals for community participation in one or more of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program offerings. Towns may qualify for up to \$4,000 in incentives.

New Jersey is a national leader among states in providing clean energy incentives. In its effort to reduce energy use 20% by 2020, *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program* provides incentives for consumers, businesses and municipalities to help recover their investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy. The *Community Partners Initiative* provides New Jersey communities with a forum and support to participate in the state's clean energy initiatives.

"Energy efficiency and renewable energy are key strategies outlined in Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "They will help provide New Jersey with a safe and secure energy future on which to build our economy. They also help improve our air quality, control energy prices and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are changing our climate."

Newly-announced incentives range from \$200-\$1,000 per accomplishment. Key highlights of the *Community Partners Initiative* include:

- ***Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®*** -- A financial incentive of \$800 is awarded to municipalities for referring 100 residential home energy assessments through the program. These assessments lead to a "whole house solution" that enables home owners to reduce energy costs, improve energy efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint.

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- ***Green NJ Resource Team Events*** -- Incentives of \$200 are awarded to municipalities for partnering with the NJ Green Resource Team to educate residents about the benefits of using energy efficient lighting at home.

New Jersey has a variety of energy efficiency programs for customers to reduce their energy consumption and utility bills, including residential and commercial & industrial programs.

For more information about the *Community Partners Initiative* and to learn how your community can realize the many benefits of participating in *New Jersey's Clean Energy Program*, call 866-NJSMART or visit: <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/community-partners-initiative-0>.

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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.nj.gov/bpu.

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 (NJBP), and its website is www.njcleanenergy.com.