

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 2009 CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Honoring those who recognize that clean energy is smart business

(NEWARK, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) will again honor the organizations who demonstrate outstanding commitments to promoting and implementing clean energy solutions in the state. Finalists and award winners will be recognized at the Leadership Awards Dinner on October 21, 2009 as part of the fifth annual *New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards*, a two-day conference, at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

The NJBPU is now calling for nominations for the 2009 New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards. These awards honor individuals, local and county governments, businesses, schools, institutions and organizations that have improved New Jersey's economic competitiveness and its environment through the effective and innovative use of energy efficiency and renewable technologies and have demonstrated effective actions for climate change.

Outstanding projects can be nominated in one of seven categories of clean energy leadership distinction:

- Business Leader of the Year
- Comprehensive Design Project of the Year
- Energy Educator of the Year
- Local Government Partner of the Year
- Market Innovator of the Year
- Outreach Partner of the Year
- Trade Ally of the Year

Recipients of the 2008 Clean Energy Leadership Awards were: Aspen Ice, Bristol Myers Squibb, Borough of Ocean Gate, Renewable Energy International, EarthColor, Sun Farm Ventures, Hopewell Valley Regional School District and Energy Kinetics.

For nomination forms and a complete listing of categories, guidelines, criteria and information about past award recipients, visit www.njcleanenergy.com and click on the Leadership Awards link. Projects must be developed and/or located in New Jersey to be eligible.

Submissions are due September 15, 2009, and should be completed and sent via email to RMinichino@parkerandpartners.com. In addition, applicants should mail their original application and any supporting materials to:

NJ Clean Energy Leadership Awards Robin Minichino, Account Executive C/o Parker & Partners Marketing Resources, LLC 134 New Jersey Avenue Absecon, NJ 08201 Telephone: (609) 484-1859

For two days of learning, networking, collaborating and celebrating innovation in the clean energy industry, all nominees are invited to join the hundreds of market participants and rising energy stars at the 2009 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference.

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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.nj.gov/bpu.

About the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP)

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