



# New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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### **TED TURNER TO SERVE AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT THE 2007 CLEAN ENERGY CONFERENCE & LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

*Renewable Energy Investor to Lead Garden State with Climate Change Solutions*

(NEWARK, NJ) – Ted Turner, entrepreneur and philanthropist, will headline the 2007 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards on September 28 in New Brunswick. Turner will address an audience of more than 600 leading businesses and energy professionals on this year's theme "Partnering for Climate Change Solutions."

"Our future depends on changing the way we use energy," said Turner. "We've got to move away from fossil fuels and develop long-term clean energy solutions that work. New Jersey understands this, and has put itself in a position to gain tremendous economic benefits from businesses that thrive in the state with the support of New Jersey's Clean Energy Program."

Turner, who recently partnered with Dome-Tech Solar to form DT Solar, a Turner renewable energy company, has made it a priority to address the topic of global warming and climate change issues that are facing our nation.

The 2007 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards will highlight New Jersey's clean energy goals and strategies to reduce greenhouse gases, increase the use of renewable energy and increase energy efficiency. Through its Clean Energy Program, which provides over \$180 million dollars each year to businesses, residents and municipalities, New Jersey has emerged as a national leader and one of the fastest growing solar markets in the country.

"New Jersey continues to break down barriers on the clean energy front, and this year is no exception," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "With more than 70,000 customers participating in our Clean Energy Program each year and over 2,100 solar installations either completed or in progress, it is no surprise that New Jersey is considered a model state for clean energy and climate change solutions."

The conference provides an outstanding forum in which industry representatives and municipal leaders can learn, network and discuss energy issues shaping the nation as a whole and the New Jersey clean energy market in particular.

Hosted by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) and its Clean Energy Program, the conference will begin on Thursday September 27 with Pre-event Technical Workshops for municipalities focusing on municipal energy audits, contracting for clean energy technologies, and community planning around green building standards. Technical Workshops will be followed by a special Opening Reception and Networking Event that will provide an opportunity to speak with industry leaders. On Friday, September 28, the conference will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and include sessions on New Jersey's Energy Master Plan, Clean Energy Project Financing, Renewable Energy Certificate Markets, Green Building Design and Clean Energy Strategies to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint. The conference will also feature the third annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards, which recognize businesses, communities and other entities that have made powerful choices and lead the way in developing climate change solutions.

To register for the conference or to learn more about this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Conference & Leadership Awards, please visit [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com).

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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](http://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](http://www.njcleanenergy.com).