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NEW JERSEY TO RECOGNIZE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO MAKE POWERFUL CHOICES

Awards Will Showcase NJ Institutions, Businesses, Schools and Communities That Demonstrate Leadership in Use of Clean Energy Technologies

(NEWARK) -- As part of Earth Week, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) today announced the launch of the “*The New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards*”-- an awards program that recognizes community and business leaders across the state, who are advancing New Jersey’s energy marketplace through the use and promotion of clean energy technologies. I’m proud that NJ businesses and residents are leading the way in support of clean energy,” said Governor Richard J. Codey. “They demonstrate that clean energy solutions save energy, reduce costs and help protect the environment.”

“*The New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards*” are intended to provide an incentive for project planners, businesses and others to go beyond the basic requirements for the New Jersey Clean Energy Program’s funding and assistance programs and demonstrate clear benefits for the residents of New Jersey. Publication and promotion of the award winners in the press also will help raise public awareness about clean energy issues and how New Jersey businesses and community leaders are leading the way.

“New Jersey is regarded as a national leader for our clean energy initiatives,” said Jeanne M. Fox, President, NJBPU. “The awards are a way for us to thank and recognize the individuals and groups who have made powerful choices in choosing energy efficient and renewable energy technologies that benefit their homes, businesses or communities.”

The six categories of “*New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards*” are:

- *NJ Clean Energy Business Leader of the Year*
- *NJ Jersey Clean Energy Market Innovator*
- *NJ Clean Energy Manufacturer*
- *NJ Clean Energy School*
- *NJ Clean Energy Municipality*
- *NJ Clean Energy YOUR POWER TO SAVE Project of the Year*

The awards will be presented for the first time in September during the Annual New Jersey Clean Energy Conference that will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick at a date to be announced. There is no fee or limit to the number of entries per applicant project.

Entries must be postmarked by July 15, 2005. To submit an application, mail to:

New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards
Office of Clean Energy
PO Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

For detailed information about the award and selection process, visit the NJ Clean Energy Program's website at www.njcleanenergy.com.

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About the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU):

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) 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 (NJCEP):

The New Jersey Clean Energy Program is a signature initiative of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities. Developed to help residents and businesses save energy, reduce utility costs and protect the environment, this statewide Program provides education, information and financial incentives for renewable energy systems and a wide array of energy-efficiency measures. The Program dedicates approximately \$125 million each year to support technologies that save electricity and natural gas and that increase the amount of electricity generated from clean, renewable resources. The Program was created as part of the New Jersey Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, with the objective of transforming the energy marketplace in New Jersey for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in a deregulated environment.