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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2006 CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awards Recognize Organizations That Make Powerful Choices to Select Energy Efficient And Renewable Energy Technologies to Benefit Their Businesses & Communities

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

The New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards honor individuals, municipalities, businesses, industries and organizations that have improved New Jersey's economic competitiveness and its environment through the effective and innovative use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

All entries are due by June 1, 2006, and projects must be developed and/or located in New Jersey to be eligible. The 2006 winners will be announced at this year's New Jersey Clean Energy Conference scheduled for September 18 at the New Brunswick Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"Hundreds of individuals, businesses and communities are actively driving New Jersey's clean energy market," said NJBPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "Through this awards program, we aim to recognize those leaders who serve as a model for energy conservation and the development of renewable energy resources."

This year's awards include categories that showcase New Jersey market innovators, manufacturers, businesses, schools and communities. The awards also recognize the "Clean Power Purchaser of the Year" and the "Clean Energy YOUR POWER TO SAVE Project of the Year."

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;
- Businesses that demonstrate innovation in advancing the market for clean energy and clean energy technologies;
- 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; and,
- Use of renewable energy.

Please visit www.njcleanenergy.com/conference to download a nomination form as well as read a complete listing of the guidelines and criteria for the 2006 Clean Energy Leadership Awards. In addition, visitors can read more about last year's Clean Energy Leadership Awards recipients, which included:

- New Jersey Clean Energy Business Leader of the Year: Johnson & Johnson
- New Jersey Clean Energy Market Innovator: Dome-Tech
- New Jersey Clean Energy School: Bayonne Board of Education
- New Jersey Clean Energy Municipality: Township of Montclair
- New Jersey Clean Energy YOUR POWER TO SAVE Project of the Year: *New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

Applications for the 2006 Clean Energy Awards can be sent to:

NJ Clean Energy Leadership Awards
Office of Clean Energy
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Trenton, New Jersey 08625
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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.