



# New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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### **BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RECOGNIZES ASPEN ICE FOR CLEAN ENERGY EFFORTS**

*BPU Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso presents Randolph Business with 2008 NJ Clean Energy Leadership Award – Project of the Year*

(RANDOLPH, NJ) – The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today recognized Aspen Ice with the 2008 NJ Clean Energy Leadership Award – Project of the Year. BPU Commissioner Joseph Fiordaliso presented the award to Aspen Ice Owner, Robert Carragino, during a ceremony at the company's Randolph facility.

The Aspen Ice project included the installation of the second largest standing seam roof solar electric system in the entire nation; high efficiency chillers; green lighting and motion sensors; reflective insulation; and a grey water collection and reclamation system. Altogether, these green initiatives have reduced Aspen Ice's electric consumption by 60 percent and green house gas emissions by 75 percent. In addition, nearly 1.7 million gallons of water have been recycled.

"The project at Aspen Ice reflects the ideal in green initiatives for businesses throughout the state," said BPU President Jeanne M. Fox. "These innovations are precisely the kind of forward-thinking we need in order to achieve Governor Corzine's Energy Master Plan goals and transform New Jersey's energy future."

"I am thrilled and honored to present Aspen Ice with this award," said Commissioner Fiordaliso. "With so many commercial entities endlessly talking about 'going green,' it's inspiring to see a New Jersey business so successfully implement systems that will deliver such a profound impact on energy efficiency, renewable resources and green house gas emissions.

"If every business and home in New Jersey could be inspired by this project to take even small steps toward energy efficiency, the results would be impressive."

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The fourth annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards highlight the way New Jersey's support of clean energy investment encourages entities to develop projects that reduce greenhouse gases, increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and strengthen the 'growing green' economy in New Jersey. Through its Clean Energy Program, which has provided nearly \$900 million dollars to Garden State businesses, residents and municipalities since its inception in 2001, New Jersey has emerged as a national leader and one of the fastest growing clean energy markets in the country.

"We are all so proud of our project and so appreciative for this significant honor from the Board of Public Utilities and its New Jersey Clean Energy Program," said Carragino. "I encourage other businesses throughout New Jersey to really assess what they can do for the good of our environment."

The award winners were initially announced on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at the 2008 NJ Clean Energy Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City. Other winners included Bristol Myers Squibb – *Business Leader of the Year*; Renewable Energy International – *Cleantech Company of the Year*; Hopewell Valley School District – *Clean Energy Educator of the Year*; Sun Farm Ventures – *Clean Energy Market Innovator of the Year*; Ocean Gate, NJ – *Clean Energy Municipality of the Year*, EarthColor – *Clean Power Purchaser of the Year*; and Energy Kinetics – *Clean Energy Small Business Leader of the Year*.

For more information on the 2008 New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards and information on clean energy incentives for municipalities, businesses and residents, visit [www.NJCleanEnergy.com](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com) or call 1-866-NJSMART.

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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](http://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 (BPU), and its website is [www.njcleanenergy.com](http://www.njcleanenergy.com).*