



19th NREL Industry Growth Forum Philadelphia, Pennsylvania October 24-26, 2006

The 19th NREL Industry Growth Forum was held October 24-26, 2006, in Philadelphia, PA, and was hosted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Through these efforts, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is demonstrating its commitment to clean energy technology development and implementation to promote a strong economy and a healthy environment.

NREL was pleased to offer several special sessions to include insights into new developments in project finance, early and late stage investing in biomass assessment, and finding strategic partners. This year's Forum united 34 competitively selected emerging clean energy technology companies to present their business cases to a wide range of investment professionals.

Companies also spanned the spectrum of clean energy technologies--from innovative thin-film PV technologies to cutting-edge ethanol production and new small wind applications. Overall, the Forum provided attendees with three days of networking, informative special sessions, and company "business case" presentations to promote and enhance the success of new ventures, emerging businesses, and the growth of entrepreneurship in the clean energy sector.

Approximately 400 registrants attended this year's forum, including venture capitalists, angel investors, commercial and investment bankers, private lenders, and representatives of the nation's most innovative and promising energy companies. The event also featured addresses from Jeanne Dworetzky, Pennsylvania's Small Business Ombudsman; Pradeep Haldar, Chair of the Clean Energy Alliance; Dan Desmond, Deputy Secretary for Energy and Technology Deployment - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The "Moving Clean Energy Technologies" panel discussion, led by Sail Ventures' Hank Habicht, discussed the use of the full financial food chain in moving clean energy technologies into the marketplace. Ballard Spahr sponsored a reception on Wednesday evening.

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Quality Deal-flow

NREL's Industry Growth Forums are the largest national venture event focused exclusively on companies developing clean energy products to serve the electricity and transportation infrastructure. Because we are one of the largest clean energy venture forums, we are uniquely positioned to gather quality business case presentations with good deal-flow potential for investors. To put this in perspective, the presenting companies from the previous three forums have raised about \$500 million in investment.

Our forums also offer an engaging interactive format – an NREL signature feature – that allows clean energy business leaders to present and receive feedback on summary business plans before a panel of the nation's leading clean energy investors. Presenters were also mentored in their preparation for the Forum by a select group of incubator executives from the National Alliance of Clean Energy Business Incubators and investors. The Forum establishes a win-win relationship between clean energy business leaders, the financial community, and ultimately, the clean energy industry as a whole by stimulating business development.

2006 Business Case Presenters

Companies showcased at this event covered a wide spectrum of the most promising cutting-edge clean energy technologies in the clean energy industry. The 34 presenting companies listed below were selected from more than 100 entries to present their business plan to industry investment leaders, and represent emerging, innovative companies in the clean energy industry. The criteria used by the selection committee of investors included: strength of the business model, potential return on investment, and market need.

Advanced Biomass
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Energy

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Prism Solar Technologies

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Inc.

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Wilson TurboPower

Wind Tower Systems

Wind-Sail

Ze-Gen

The 2006 Clean Energy Entrepreneur and Outstanding Presentation Winners

The National Alliance of Clean Energy Business Incubators, which is dedicated to promoting and supporting the creation of world-class businesses and bringing more clean energy technology options into the mainstream energy market, sponsored this year's Clean Energy Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

This year's Grand Prize of \$15,000 (cash and services) was awarded to Plextronics. Plextronics is a world leader in developing active layer technology that enables broad



market commercialization of printed electronic devices. The two Outstanding Presentations--with an award of \$3,000 cash and services--were awarded to Franklin Fuel Cells and co-winners Los Alamos Renewable Energy and Ze-gen, Inc. Franklin Fuel Cells is commercializing a patented technology that enables electricity to be produced from fuel cells that directly use today's fuels, while Los Alamos Renewable Energy offers a novel, patented solar energy system for producing clean electricity on demand. Ze-gen produces efficient gasification systems that convert municipal solid waste and construction and demolition waste into clean energy.

The 20th NREL Industry Growth Forum – Fall 2007 in Denver, Colorado

Applications to present at the 20th NREL Industry Growth Forum will be accepted beginning in the spring of 2007. Look for more information about the next Forum soon at www.cleanenergyforum.com.