



COLORADO CLEANTECH INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF INAUGURAL 'CELEBRATE CLEANTECH RESEARCH' AWARDS

AWARD RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN CLEANTECH RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION

Denver, CO - May 26, 2011 - The Colorado Cleantech Industry Association (CCIA) is pleased to announce the Celebrate Cleantech Research award winners from the Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University and the University of Colorado.

Says CCIA Executive Director Christine Shapard: "Putting the spotlight on these remarkable individuals and their contributions to Colorado's economy is part of our mission and we're excited to present this event today."

"These men and women are making an impact both in Colorado and globally. By successfully commercializing their research, they are helping Colorado maintain its prominence in the international cleantech arena and we are genuinely grateful."

The following award winners were chosen from a competitive field and rose to the top based on a combination of factors including number of disclosures, patents, companies created, federal and private funding received and other non-specific entrepreneurial efforts.

Excellence in Bio-Derived Technology Commercialization

Al Weimer, University of Colorado Boulder

Excellence in Clean Transportation Technology Commercialization

Bryan Willson, Colorado State University

Excellence in Energy Efficiency Technology Commercialization

Gregor Henze, University of Colorado Boulder

Excellence in Storage Technology Commercialization

Amy Prieto, Colorado State University

Excellence in Smart Grid Technology Commercialization

Bob Erickson, University of Colorado Boulder

Excellence in Solar Technology Commercialization

W.S. Sampath, Colorado State University

Excellence in Water Technology Commercialization

Chuck Henry, Colorado State University

Excellence in Wind Technology Commercialization

Kathryn Johnson, Colorado School of Mines

“Big congratulations to the award winners,” says CCIA Vice Chairman Charles Eggert. “As the CEO of OPX Biotechnologies, which is a university spin-out, I have seen firsthand that Colorado is well-served by the commercialization efforts of our universities and the entrepreneurial researchers within them.”

The Celebrate Cleantech Research Event will include the award ceremony, as well as a keynote from Abound Solar co-founder Dr. W.S. Sampath. In addition, Governor John Hickenlooper will sign Senate Bill 11-47 during the event, which will be followed by a networking reception.

To register for the Celebrate Cleantech Research event, please visit:

<http://coloradocleantech.com/2011-research-awards.html>

About the Colorado Cleantech Industry Association

The Colorado Cleantech Industry Association represents the interests of the state’s cleantech industry. Its mission is to further establish Colorado as a world leader in clean technology by providing representation and advocacy, a unified voice, relevant programming and capacity development. For more information, visit <http://www.coloradocleantech.com>.

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LinkedIn Group: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/1882455>

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News Feed: <http://coloradocleantech.blogspot.com>

YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/COCleantech>

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