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### Energy and Clean Tech Connections

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In the July edition of Mintz Levin's *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean tech. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

The Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group is pleased to update you about exciting developments on the Massachusetts legislative front. On July 2nd, Governor Deval Patrick signed into law "An Act Relative to Green Communities," a comprehensive energy reform bill that will increase energy efficiency, develop renewable fuel supplies, and boost new energy technologies. Read our [alert](#) on this topic to learn about the significance of this legislation and its potential impact on the future of clean energy in the Commonwealth. For additional information about the bill, please read "[Clearing the Path to a Greener Future](#)," which appeared in *The Boston Globe* on July 21st and was authored by **David O'Connor**, Senior Vice President for Energy and Clean Technology at ML Strategies, and **Tom Burton**, Chairman of Mintz Levin's Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group. We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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### In the News

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### **Wakonda, Nuventix Raise Millions**

*Greentech Media* - July 16, 2008

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### **Cleantech Cars Advance As Old Guard Stumbles**

*Cleantech Group* - July 15, 2008

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### **Funding Roundup: Solar Still Reigns**

*Greentech Media* - July 14, 2008

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### **U.S. Geothermal Announces Completion of First Well at Neal Hot Springs**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 14, 2008

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### **SunPower to Build 35 MW Plants in Florida**

*Greentech Media* - July 10, 2008

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### **GE Unit Passes US \$4 Billion in Investment**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 10, 2008

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### **China Sunergy Announces US \$45 Million Private Offering**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 10, 2008

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### **Cleantech Venture Investment Hits Record US \$2 Billion in Q2**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 9, 2008

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### **SunRun Secures US \$12 Million in Financing**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 8, 2008

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### **Greentech Investments Jump 60%, U.N. Reports**

*Greentech Media* - July 1, 2008

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### **U.K. Unveils Clean Energy Plan**

*Cleantech Group* - June 27, 2008

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*Greentech Media* - June 27, 2008  
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### **EnerNOC Signs 110-MW Deal with SCE**

*Renewable Energy World* - June 23, 2008  
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## **Federal and State Happenings**

### **DOE to Provide up to \$40 Million in Funding for Small-Scale Biorefinery Projects in Wisconsin and Louisiana**

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - July 14, 2008  
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### **CPUC Approves Two SCE Contracts**

*Renewable Energy World* - July 14, 2008  
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### **Court Rejects EPA Rule**

*Greentech Media* - July 11, 2008  
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### **State Rebates Hold Key to Solar Plans**

*The Boston Globe* - July 10, 2008  
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### **Pennsylvania Governor to Sign \$650 Million Energy Bill**

*Greentech Media* - July 9, 2008  
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### **Zero Emission Car Makers Get Tax Break in California**

*Cleantech Group* - July 1, 2008  
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### **DOE Announces Solicitations for \$30.5 Billion in Loan Guarantees**

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - June 30, 2008  
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### **DOE To Invest US \$90 Million in Advanced Geothermal Energy**

*Renewable Energy World* - June 26, 2008  
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### **DOE Seeks to Invest Approximately \$1.3 Billion to Commercialize CCS Technology**

U.S. Department of Energy - June 24, 2008  
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## Legal News

### **Massachusetts Orders Revenue Decoupling by Distribution Companies**

Energy and Clean Technology Alert - July 18, 2008

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### **Decision Supports Enforceability of Credit Default Swaps**

Subprime Practice Group Advisory, Mintz Levin - July 11, 2008

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### **SEC Expands Eligibility for Use of Forms S-3 and F-3**

Securities Law Advisory, Mintz Levin - July 10, 2008

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### **Governor Deval L. Patrick Signs Major Energy Reform Bill**

Energy and Clean Technology Alert, Mintz Levin - July 2, 2008

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### **Susan Berson Rejoins Mintz Levin to Head Washington, D.C. Office**

Press Release, Mintz Levin - July 1, 2008

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### **MCAD Commissioner Announces That Male Employees Are Covered by the Massachusetts Maternity Leave Act**

Employment Alert, Mintz Levin - June 12, 2008

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### **New Jersey Passes Paid Family Leave Law**

Employment Alert, Mintz Levin - June 11, 2008

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### **Delaware Court Ruling May Impact Charter-Provided Advancement Rights to Officers and Directors**

Corporate Governance Advisory, Mintz Levin - June 4, 2008

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## Grants

### **Restructured FutureGen Program**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to invest in multiple commercial-scale Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) or other clean coal power plants with cutting-edge carbon capture and storage

(CCS) technology under the Department's restructured FutureGen program. The solicitation is seeking multiple cost-shared projects to advance coal-based power generation technologies that capture and store the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The Department anticipates \$290 million will be available for funding of selected projects through fiscal year (FY) 2009 and an additional \$1.01 billion is expected to be available in subsequent years, subject to appropriations by Congress.

**Application Due Date:** October 8, 2008 (selection of projects is targeted for the end of calendar year 2008)

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### **Solar America Initiative (SAI) Market Transformation: Solar America Showcases, FY2008**

Under this Notice of Opportunity for Technical Assistance, DOE will provide technical assistance to large-scale, high-visibility solar installation projects that have the ability to impact the market for solar technologies through large project size, use of a novel solar technology, and/or use of a novel application for a solar technology. In addition, it is desired that the project be replicable or have replicable components. Large-scale installations may include photovoltaic, concentrating solar power, solar water heating, and solar space heating applications.

Technical assistance will not be provided for research, product development, or early-stage testing and evaluation of any technology or product. Solar America Showcases focus on providing support to projects in which a commercially ready technology is to be installed in a large-scale application with full financial project commitment already in place. Support for research, product development, or early-stage testing and evaluation of solar products or technologies may be available under other Solar America Initiative opportunities.

DOE will not purchase hardware or otherwise provide direct funding to organizations selected from this notice.

**Application Due Date:** October 9, 2008

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### **The Energy Foundation Grants**

The Energy Foundation is a partnership of major donors interested in solving the world's energy problems. Their mission is to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy—new technologies that are essential components of a clean energy future.

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### **The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offers Its First Grants for Ethanol Production**

The Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF) Board of Directors funds those research projects that have clear goals and measurable outcomes with benchmarks that will advance the science of ethanol production. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the RFF will only support projects that directly enhance domestic production of ethanol and the efficient use of co-products. One grant will be awarded for \$150,000, of which \$75,000 will be made available over two years. Viable projects may qualify for continued funding past this time frame.

Research project proposals must have a national implication, not

local. The RFF prefers to fund national model projects, thereby making a bigger impact to the U.S. ethanol market.

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### **Business Expansion Initiative**

Business Expansion Initiative (BEI) supports the development and expansion of the production capacity of renewable energy technology firms in Massachusetts. BEI provides secured debt capital to expansion-stage companies for new renewable energy product design and manufacturing financing. BEI loans may only be made to companies located within Massachusetts.

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## **Events**

### **PV Japan 2008**

#### ***A Total Photovoltaics Event***

July 30–August 1, 2008

Tokyo Big Sight

Tokyo, Japan

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### **11th Annual Congressional Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Expo**

July 31, 2008

Cannon House Office Building

Cannon Caucus Room

Washington, D.C.

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### **Solar Metering and Performance Monitoring Expo**

August 5–6, 2008

UC Berkeley

MLK Student Union

Berkeley, California

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### **23rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition**

September 1–5, 2008

Feria Valencia

Valencia, Spain

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### **Green Building Finance & Investment Forum**

September 8–10, 2008

The Coleman Center

New York, New York

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### **HUSUM WindEnergy 2008**

The Leading Wind Energy Trade Fair

September 9–13, 2008

Husum, Germany

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### **5th Euromoney and Ernst & Young Global Renewable Energy Awards**

September 15, 2008

Madame Tussauds

London, England

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### **10th Renewable Energy Finance Forum**

*Europe's Largest Renewable Energy Finance Conference*

September 15–16, 2008

Millennium Gloucester

London, England

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### **Cleantech Forum XVIII**

September 15–17, 2008

Washington, D.C.

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### **AlwaysOn GoingGreen**

*Greener Pastures for Global Business*

September 15–17, 2008

Cavallo Point

San Francisco, California

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### **Solar Power Canada 2008**

September 16–18, 2008

Toronto, Canada

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### **ISO New England**

*Lights, Power, Action*

September 18-19, 2008

Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel

Boston, Massachusetts

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### **Green Trade Network Summit**

September 19, 2008

Cocoanut Grove - Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Santa Cruz, California

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### **2nd U.S. Carbon Finance Forum**

*Preparing for Carbon Regulation and Trading in the US*

September 24–25, 2008

The Metropolitan Club

New York, New York

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### **West Coast Green**

September 25–27, 2008  
San Jose Convention Center  
Silicon Valley, California  
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### **World Energy Engineering Congress**

October 1–3, 2008  
Gaylord National Convention Center on the Potomac  
Washington, D.C.  
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### **Cleantech Forum XIX**

October 7–9, 2008  
Mumbai, India  
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### **EuroSun 2008**

#### ***1st International Conference on Solar Heating, Cooling and Buildings***

October 7–10, 2008  
Lisbon, Portugal  
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### **Solar Power 2008**

October 13–16, 2008  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California  
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### **Renewable Energy 2008**

October 13–17, 2008  
BEXCO & Nurimaru  
Busan, Korea  
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### **EBW Waste-to-Energy Expo & Conference**

October 14–16, 2008  
David L. Lawrence Convention Center  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
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### **2008 New Jersey Clean Energy Conference and Leadership Awards**

#### ***Investing in a CleanTech Economy***

October 17, 2008  
Hyatt Regency  
Jersey City, New Jersey  
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### **3rd Annual Investing in Solar**

#### ***Where Deals Are Made***

October 20–21, 2008  
Arizona Grand Resort  
Phoenix, Arizona  
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### **World Carbon Emission Reduction Summit 2008**

October 20–23, 2008  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
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### **POWER-GEN Asia 2008**

October 21–23, 2008  
Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre  
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur  
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### **Renewable Energy Finance Forum - West**

October 27–28, 2008  
Grand Hyatt Seattle  
Seattle, Washington  
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### **2nd Nuclear Energy Finance Forum**

October 30–31, 2008  
Carlton Tower  
London, England  
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### **Alternative Energy Innovations 2008**

November 7–8, 2008  
Sofitel San Francisco Bay  
Redwood City, California  
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### **Greenbuild International Conference and Expo 2008**

November 19–21, 2008  
Boston Convention & Exhibition Center  
Boston, Massachusetts  
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### **Green Energy Summit**

March 3–7 2009  
Bangalore, India  
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