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**Energy and Clean Tech Connections**

April | 2008

In the April 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.

Mintz Levin's Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate our client, Luminus Devices, on recently completing a \$72 million financing. Additionally, we would like to applaud another client, FloDesign Wind Turbine Corporation, for being named a finalist in the MIT Ignite Clean Energy Business Presentation Competition. The [finals](#) will be held on Monday, May 12th, and we wish their team the best of luck. We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

**Clean Energy Fellowship Program**

*Transitioning Entrepreneurs  
into the Clean Energy Economy*

**New England Clean Energy Council**

This innovative entrepreneurial development program is designed to rapidly transition experienced entrepreneurs into the region's clean energy sector. The program addresses a simple but acute problem: a lack of repeat entrepreneurs in the sector—a critical ingredient in venture formation, funding, and growth.

Information session: **April 22, 2008**

Applications deadline: **May 1, 2008**

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## In the News

### Funding Roundup: Dancing on the Edge of a Bubble?

*Greentech Media* - April 14, 2008

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### Duke Energy CEO: Coal Not Going Away

*CNET* - April 13, 2008

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### Wind Power Growth Surpasses Projections

*RenewableEnergyWorld.com* - April 11, 2008

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### Fenway Park Ready for Green Power

*The Boston Globe* - April 10, 2008

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### LDK to Raise \$400 Million

*Greentech Media* - April 10, 2008

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### First Reserve Corporation Invests in Kenersys

*Investment to Fund New Wind Turbine Design and Manufacturing Company*

*CNBC* - April 7, 2008

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### Funding Roundup: Greentech Sees \$988 Million in First Quarter

*Greentech Media* - April 7, 2008

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### Firms Seek to Make Solar Power More Affordable

*The Los Angeles Times* - April 3, 2008

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### UK Finds 15 Possible Sites for Eco-Towns

*The Denver Post* - April 3, 2008

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### 1366 Technologies Raises US \$12 Million

*RenewableEnergyWorld.com* - April 3, 2008

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### **Concentrating Solar to Reach 18 Gigawatts by 2020**

*Greentech Media* - April 1, 2008

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### **Credit Suisse to Invest US \$300 Million in Renewables**

*RenewableEnergyWorld.com* - March 31, 2008

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### **Laying the Grid Groundwork for Plug-in Hybrids**

*Greentech Media* - March 27, 2008

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### **Plenty of Space for Biofuels in Europe**

*RenewableEnergyWorld.com* - March 26, 2008

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### **SmartPower President Brian F. Keane Discusses Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency**

Money for Breakfast, *Fox Business News* - March 26, 2008

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## **Federal and State Happenings**

### **Energy Boost: Solar and Wind Businesses Powered by Tax Breaks**

*The Washington Post* - April 14, 2008

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### **Policy Roundup: U.S. Senate Passes Incentives**

*Greentech Media* - April 14, 2008

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### **New Coal-Fired Power Plants Opposed in Michigan**

*Chicago Tribune* - April 13, 2008

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### **Wisconsin Feels Turbulence over Pulling Power From Air**

*The Washington Post* - April 12, 2008

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### **DOE Announces up to \$4 Million for University Research into Advanced Biomass Conversion**

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - April 11, 2008

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### **Maryland Legislature Passes Energy-Efficiency Bills**

*RenewableEnergyWorld.com* - April 10, 2008

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### **Department of Energy Recognizes Top “Energy Star” Partners**

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - April 2, 2008

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### **Marshfield to Be Test Site for New Energy-Saving Plan**

*The Boston Globe* - March 30, 2008

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### **U.S. Department of Energy to Provide up to \$2.4 Million to Advance Solar Energy in 12 U.S. Cities**

*U.S. Department of Energy* - March 28, 2008

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### **California Slashes Zero-Emission Car Plans**

*Greentech Media* - March 28, 2008

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### **U.S. Department of Energy and the Automotive X PRIZE Foundation to Promote Clean, Energy-Efficient Vehicles**

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - March 20, 2008

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## **Legal News**

### **Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Holds Parent Corporation Not Liable under Massachusetts Superfund Law for Contamination Caused by Subsidiary**

Environmental Advisory, Mintz Levin - March 25, 2008

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### **Three Mintz Levin Members Named Washington, D.C. Super Lawyers**

Press Release, Mintz Levin - March 24, 2008

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### **Addressing Vapor Intrusion**

Environmental Advisory, Mintz Levin - March 3, 2008

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## **Grants**

### **The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offering 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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## SEED 2007

### *Call for Renewable Energy Company Applicants*

#### **The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative**

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-state agency, established the Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED) initiative to support growth and commercialization of renewable energy technologies in Massachusetts. SEED provides direct and flexible capital to early-stage companies for new renewable energy related product development and facilitates companies in gaining access to private capital. The award amount will be up to \$500,000 per company per 12-month period, up to two awards per Massachusetts company, and SEED is accepting applications on an open enrollment basis.

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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

Mintz Levin's Ken Connolly will be speaking at the following event on topics concerning a U.S. green house gas policy:

### **IETA Carbon Expo 2008**

#### *Global Carbon Market Fair & Conference*

May 7–9, 2008  
Cologne, Germany

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## Brainstorm Green

April 21–22, 2008  
Langham, Huntington Hotel & Spa - Huntington Ballroom  
Pasadena, California  
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### **Nordic Green '08**

April 21–22, 2008  
SRI International Building  
Menlo Park, California  
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### **Organic Photovoltaics 2008**

April 21–23, 2008  
Doubletree Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
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### **The 2nd China International Wind Energy Exhibition and Symposium 2008**

April 25–27, 2008  
Shanghai New International Expo Center  
Shanghai, China  
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### **Cleantech Forum XVII**

April 28–30, 2008  
Brussels, Belgium  
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### **Ceres Conference 2008**

April 29–30, 2008  
Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel  
Boston, Massachusetts  
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### **Solar 2008**

#### *The National Solar Energy Conference*

May 3–8, 2008  
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center  
San Diego, CA  
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### **33rd IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference**

May 11–16, 2008  
Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel  
San Diego, California  
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### **3rd Renewable Energy Finance Forum - China**

May 14–15, 2008  
Ritz Carlton  
Beijing, China  
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### **Green Earth Expo 2008**

May 14–18, 2008  
Orange County Convention Center  
Orlando, Florida  
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**3rd Annual Renewable Energy  
Finance & Investment Summit**

May 19–21, 2008  
FireSky Resort & Spa  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
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**All-Energy 2008**

*UK's Largest Renewable Energy Exhibition & Conference*

May 21–22, 2008  
Aberdeen, Scotland  
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**PV Annual 2008**

*Shedding Light on Solar*

May 28, 2008  
Westin Waltham Boston  
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**World Bioenergy 2008**

May 27–29, 2008  
Elmia  
Jönköping, Sweden  
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**Windpower 2008**

*Conference & Exhibition*

June 1–4, 2008  
Hilton Americas Hotel  
George R. Brown Convention Center  
Houston, Texas  
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**Clean Technology 2008**

*CTSI Clean Technology and Sustainable  
Industries Conference and Trade Show*

June 1–5, 2008  
Hynes Convention Center  
Boston, Massachusetts  
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**5th Global Clean Technology Conference**

June 5, 2008  
New York, New York  
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**Cleantech Companies in Mainstream Markets**

*Fourth Annual CEO Panel on Innovative Strategies*

June 11, 2008

Deutsche Bank Building  
New York, New York

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### **Global CO2 Summit & Exhibition**

*A Two-Day International Summit Tailored for the Energy Sector*

June 12–13, 2008

London, England

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### **Photovoltaics Summit 2008**

June 18–20, 2008

Hilton San Diego Resort

San Diego, California

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### **Green Technology Entrepreneurship Academy**

July 7–11, 2008

Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences at Sierra Nevada College

Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada

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### **Cleantech Forum XVIII**

September 15–17, 2008

Washington, D.C.

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### **Intersolar North America 2008**

July 15–17, 2008

Moscone Center

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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### **West Coast Green**

September 25–27, 2008

San Jose Convention Center

Silicon Valley, California

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### **World Energy Engineering Congress (WEEC)**

October 1–3, 2008

Gaylord National Convention Center on the Potomac

Washington, D.C.

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**Solar Power 2008**

October 13–16, 2008  
San Diego Convention Center  
San Diego, California

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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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**Green Energy Summit**

October 16–19, 2008  
Bangalore, India

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**Alternative Energy Innovations 2008**

November 7–8, 2008  
Sofitel San Francisco Bay  
Redwood City, California

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