



Cleantech Open Mid-Atlantic Region Announces 17 Business Competition Semi-Finalists

17 semi-finalists from Mid-Atlantic region selected to compete in the world's biggest and most successful cleantech business competition

Washington, D.C. May 31, 2012: The Cleantech Open Mid-Atlantic Region (www.cleantechopen.com) announced the selection of 17 companies ("semi-finalists") to compete at the regional level in the 2012 Cleantech Open national business competition and Accelerator Program. The companies were selected from an elite group of cleantech entrepreneurs that applied from across the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States. The semi-finalists are representative of applications from a region that includes Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia.

"We are thrilled to recognize the outstanding achievements made by the Mid-Atlantic semi-finalists who were selected from an increasingly competitive and innovative group of entrants," said Joshua Greene, regional director of the Cleantech Open, and partner and deputy chair of the Energy and Environment Practice at Washington-based Patton Boggs LLP. "These 17 innovators are working to address our most critical environmental and energy issues. We look forward to their participation in the Program and Competition, through which they will become investment ready and use the Cleantech Open platform to showcase their business solutions to thousands of potential supporters, funders and partners."

Benefits for the regional finalist (e.g. winner of the Regional Final) include a "Startup in a Box" prize package that consists of combined cash and in-kind services worth up to \$20,000. The winning Mid-Atlantic regional company will join other regional winners from across the United States to contend for the prestigious national title at the Cleantech Open's Global Forum on November 8-9, 2012 in California and a chance to secure the grand prize of up to \$250,000 in investment and services.

Details on each of the winning companies, by category, for the Mid Atlantic include:

Air, Water, & Waste

Altenera, North Bethesda, MD
Turbine-less wind energy harvesting

ArkFab, Atlanta, GA
Sustainable urban farming for curing food deserts in the inner cities of America

CCEIS, Falls Church, VA
Compliance partners for the construction industry

EcoQuip's EQ Crew, Virginia Beach, VA
Eco-blasting technology

HybriSorb, Bethlehem, PA
Water treatment solutions for developing economies

Micronic, Sterling, VA
Water desalination and purification

Montana Biopolymers, Winnsboro, SC
Biopolymers to replace petrochemicals

Energy Efficiency

Aquicore, Washington, DC
The complete toolkit for energy efficiency - Measure, Compare, and Act on energy consumption

Melon, Washington, DC
Energy star benchmarking made easy
Washington, DC

SaveBigBread, McLean, VA
FREE, easy way for homeowners to find and complete home improvement projects at deep discounts

Sustainable Systems International, Gaithersburg, MD
Solar powered infrastructure

Renewable Energy

Agira Inc., Baltimore, MD
Solar modules with smart optics

Northern Lights, Virginia Beach, VA
Energy harvesting technology

Sun Edge, Bear, DE
Inexpensive Rooftop Solar Technology

Triea Systems, Bethesda, MD
Low Cost Renewable Heat and Cold

Smart Power

Mesdi Systems, Orlando, FL
Precision manufacturing for lithium-ion batteries

V2 Energy, Frederick, MD
Making real the promise of green energy

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