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## New Jersey Recognizes 2008 Clean Energy Leaders

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JERSEY CITY, N.J., Oct. 21 /PRNewswire/ -- The New Jersey State Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) today recognized eight New Jersey businesses and local governments for their leadership and innovations in creating clean energy solutions that save energy and help reduce greenhouse gases. The winners were recognized at the 2008 Clean Energy Conference and Leadership Awards Program held at the Hyatt Regency Jersey City.

The fourth annual New Jersey Clean Energy Leadership Awards highlight the way in which New Jersey's support of clean energy investment encourages entities to develop projects that reduce greenhouse gases, increase the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and strengthen the growing green economy in New Jersey. Through its Clean Energy Program, which has provided nearly \$900 million dollars since its inception to businesses, residents and municipalities, New Jersey has emerged as a national leader and one of the fastest growing clean energy markets in the country.

### Up and Coming Clean Energy Leaders of the Year : HelpLightNJ ( Redbank , NJ )

HelpLightNJ was started by 15 year old high school students Matthew Erickson and John Caddock. Their goal is to raise money, buy energy saving compact fluorescent bulbs, and distribute them to needy families and senior citizens. They also try to engage and involve other students, showing them that their actions can make a difference. They have successfully raised money and distributed over 1,000 bulbs to date. They have been selected to participate in the Clean Energy Program and will be distributing 60,000 lamps by December 31, 2008.



NJ BPU President Jeanne Fox Presents award to Matt Erickson