



## **Colorado Cleantech Industry Association Unveils Winners of First Annual Cleantech Awards, Honoring the Industry's 2010 Leadership Standouts**

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### **CCIA - Leadership in Advancing Cleantech Awards - Winners Include:**

**Political Advocate of the Year: Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.** - Offering remarks and presenting the award to Governor Ritter is Colorado's senior US Senator Mark Udall.

Governor Ritter has built a New Energy Economy in Colorado, creating thousands of jobs, diversifying the state's energy portfolio, and making Colorado an internationally recognized leader in the manufacturing, production and research of energy efficiency and renewable energy. He has signed more than 40 clean-energy bills into law, including landmark RES legislation that requires 30% of electricity in Colorado come from renewable sources by 2020. Governor Ritter also signed the bi-partisan Colorado Clean Air-Clean Jobs Act that will ensure the early retirement and replacement of old and inefficient coal plants – the first law of its kind in the country.

### **High Impact Cleantech Company of the Year: Abound Solar** (Loveland, CO)

From corporate and manufacturing headquarters in Colorado, Abound Solar (formerly known as AVA Solar) is producing the next generation of thin-film cadmium telluride solar modules ideally suited for large- and utility-scale commercial installations. Founded in 2007 and built upon 15 years of development at CSU and with the support of NREL, Abound Solar has raised approximately \$600M in equity investments from private institutions and in the form of federal loan guarantees from the US DOE. With that capital, the company has hired 350 employees and has plans to expand to over 1500 by 2014. The company already occupies 5 locations across Northern Colorado, and is tripling the size of its Longmont manufacturing facility. Visit: <http://www.abound.com>.

### **Runner-Up High Impact Cleantech Company of the Year: Tendril** (Boulder, CO)

Tendril is a leading energy management technology provider that offers energy management software, hardware and services for both consumers and utility companies. The company was recognized in September 2010 by the World Economic Forum as one of the world's most innovative technology start-ups. Through the 20 Smart Grid pilot programs the company has secured in 2010 alone, Tendril will provide turnkey delivery of products and services to utilities and their customers in 14 states throughout the country. Tendril is venture backed by VantagePoint Venture Partners, Good Energies, RRE Ventures, Vista Ventures, GE and Appian Ventures. Visit: <http://www.tendrilinc.com>.

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**Breakout Cleantech Company of the Year: Ice Energy** (Windsor, CO)

Founded in 2003, Ice Energy's smart grid platform integrates revolutionary, distributed energy storage technology with an advanced software infrastructure and intelligent two-way control to provide utilities with a powerful, cost-effective alternative to conventional peaking power plants for meeting peak demand. In January 2010, Ice Energy announced plans with the Southern CA Public Power Authority to undertake the nation's first utility-scale, smart grid-enabled distributed energy storage project. SCPPA estimates that it will offset enough peak demand to power the equivalent of 10,000 homes, and reduce carbon emissions equal to removing 3,000 cars. Visit: <http://www.ice-energy.com>.

**Emerging Cleantech Company of the Year: VanDyne SuperTurbo** (Fort Collins, CO)

VanDyne SuperTurbo, Inc. is a technology company specializing in the design, development and production of SuperTurbochargers for the global automotive market and for heavy duty engine manufacturers. A SuperTurbocharger is a transmission driven turbocharger, which can function as a supercharger or a turbo compounder that recovers waste heat that is added to engine power. In August 2010, VanDyne SuperTurbo Inc. announced that it had signed a contract with Cummins Inc. (NYSE: CMI) to develop more fuel-efficient Class 8 trucks using VanDyne SuperTurbochargers. The agreement is part of the Super Truck program, a cost-sharing initiative between the Department of Energy (DOE) and the private sector. Visit: <http://www.vandynesuperturbo.com>.

**Colorado Cleantech Entrepreneur of the Year: Raymond R. Johnson** (Littleton, CO)

Raymond R. (Ray) Johnson was appointed President and CEO of Infinite Power Solutions in September of 2005. In just 5 years at IPS, Ray has grown the company from five full-time employees to a current workforce approaching 50 employees, and, has successfully raised over \$60 million of equity investment from both Tier 1 VC firms from outside the state of Colorado and four different Fortune 100 corporations. Also under Ray's leadership IPS has completed the build-out of the world's first and only volume manufacturing facility for solid-state rechargeable batteries in Littleton, Colorado, started shipping product commercially in 2009 to a wide range of customers globally, and earlier this year, achieved ISO 9001 certification. Visit: <http://www.infinitepowersolutions.com>.

**National Cleantech Leader: Rocky Mountain Institute** (Snowmass, CO)

RMI's style is non-adversarial and trans-ideological, emphasizing integrative design, advanced technologies, and mindful markets. RMI's strategic focus, sharpened in 2009, weaves together much of their energy work of the past 27 years plus further innovations, and applies their discovery of how integrative design can achieve expanding, not diminishing, returns to investments in advanced energy efficiency. RMI calls this strategic focus "Reinventing Fire" - mapping and driving the profitable transition from oil and coal to efficiency and renewables. This transformational shift can bring an oil-free world, a stabilized climate, nuclear nonproliferation, less poverty, more stability, and durable prosperity. RMI works extensively with the private sector, as well as with civil society and government, to create abundance by design and to apply the framework of natural capitalism. Visit: <http://www.rmi.org>.

**Governor's Award for Excellence in Cleantech Leadership: Ron Bernal, NEA** (Boulder, CO)

Ron joined NEA in 2010 as a Venture Partner focused on information technology and energy technology investments. He is a director of Boulder Wind Power, Data Robotics and ProStor. Previous board memberships include Data Domain (acquired by EMC), HelioVolt, LifeSize (acquired by Logitech), Indicative (acquired by Nimsoft) and Redseal. Prior to joining NEA, Ron was a Partner at Sequel Venture Partners where he focused on cleantech, enterprise infrastructure and enterprise software investments. While at Sequel, he led the firm's investment in HelioVolt and Buzzwire. A strong advocate of alternative energy technologies, Ron is a founding member and chairman of the Colorado Cleantech Industry Association and serves on the board of the Rocky Mountain Cleantech Open. Visit: <http://www.nea.com/Team/Default.aspx?id=27>.

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"We want to extend our congratulations to this year's winners and finalists, plus extend sincere appreciation from the Colorado Cleantech Industry to these outstanding companies and individuals who have truly made a difference as they've forged their paths in the cleantech sector," Shapard says. "Further, we want to convey our appreciation to Ira Ehrenpreis, noted venture capitalist and cleantech industry expert, who served as the keynote speaker for our first awards event."

Finalists included -- High-Impact Cleantech Company of the Year: Advanced Energy Industries, Solaron Business (Fort Collins, CO), CoorsTek (Golden, CO) and Infinite Power Solutions, Inc. (Littleton, CO). Breakout Cleantech Company of the Year: OPX Biotechnologies, Inc. (Boulder, CO) and ZeaChem, Inc. (Lakewood, CO). Emerging Cleantech Company of the Year: Green Garage (Boulder, CO) and RavenBrick LLC (Denver, CO). Colorado Cleantech Entrepreneur of the Year: Doug Schatz, Advanced Energy Industries (Fort Collins, CO) and Adrian Tuck, Tendril (Boulder, CO). National Cleantech Leadership: Colorado Renewable Energy Collaboratory and National Renewable Energy Laboratory (Golden, CO). Governor's Award for Excellence in Cleantech Leadership: Richard Franklin, Clean Tech Open (Denver, CO) and Paul Nelson, Saoradh Energy (Boulder CO).

### **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>.

#### **CCIA is found on these social media sites:**

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

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