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GREEN JOBS AWARD ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Top private companies creating high quality green jobs throughout the U.S. to be honored by national award

New York – April 27, 2011 – Nominations are now being accepted for the 2011 national [Green Jobs Award](#) program. The Green Jobs Award identifies, celebrates, and promotes entrepreneurial innovators from across the country that are leaders in quality green job creation. The Award, produced by SJF Institute and Clean Edge with support from the Citi Foundation, is designed to accelerate these sustainable businesses and demonstrate the potential of a vibrant green economy for all communities.

Last year's winning companies represented diverse industries, from renewable energy and energy efficiency to consumer products, manufacturing and engineering. They included the latest in clean technology as well as green innovations in traditional industries. Together, they represented more than \$150 million in revenue and created more than 1,300 green jobs.

"The 2010 winners clearly demonstrated the power of entrepreneurial companies to address critical environmental challenges while creating much needed employment in our communities," said Bonny Moellenbrock, SJF Institute Executive Director. "This year we will recognize a new group of innovators that further illustrate the potential of the green economy to drive economic recovery and job creation across the United States."

Privately-held companies with at least \$500,000 in revenue and a business model that preserves or enhances environmental quality are eligible to apply. Applicants will be judged on their business model's viability and positive environmental impact, the creation of quality jobs, diversity of employment opportunities, positive workforce culture and level of community engagement.

Winners will be recognized at a Green Jobs Convening and Award event in October 2011, and will also receive a package of pro bono business services provided by [certified B Corporations](#) (companies using the power of business to solve social and environmental problems). The deadline to nominate a company for the award is May 31; companies can apply directly through June 15. Nomination and application forms can be found at www.greenjobsaward.org/apply.

About SJF Institute

SJF Institute is a nonprofit organization that connects, inspires, and accelerates sustainable entrepreneurs and the fields that support them. www.sjfinstitute.org

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