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In the September 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 energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from local governments to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

This month, [the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Wind Energy Research and Development Act](#), a bill designed to improve the efficiency, reliability, and cost-effectiveness of domestic wind energy systems. The proposed legislation would require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a \$1 billion program of research and development to improve the energy efficiency, reliability, and capacity of wind turbines. The bill would also create a demonstration program to measure wind energy performance that would include the full range of wind conditions across the country. That data would then be used as part of the research and development program. It also requires that the demonstration programs be conducted in collaboration with private industry.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced the recipients of [\\$502 million in awards for clean energy projects](#) around the country. The grants are the first round of awards from an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act program that provides cash assistance to energy production companies in place of earned tax credits. For more information about the program, as well as guidance on eligibility and how to apply, please see our recent [Alert](#).

Last month, the Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group [announced that Mark J. Riedy has joined Mintz Levin's Washington, D.C. office](#). Throughout his 30-year career, Mr. Riedy has counseled renewable and conventional energy clients doing business in dozens of countries around the world. He has represented clients in negotiating and drafting project development and debt and equity financing contracts, and in general corporate transactions including acquisitions, mergers, private placements, and the establishment of new entities.

The Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate Mintz Levin clients Achatas Power, Deeya Energy, FloDesign, GreatPoint Energy, Hyperion Power Generation, Joule Biotechnologies, The NanoSteel Company, Performance Plants, and

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Solar Junction, who earlier this month were named to the 2009 edition of [The AlwaysOn Network's "Going Green 100."](#) The "Going Green 100" is a list of the top private clean technology companies. Candidates are selected based on the breakthrough potential of their technologies, their management team, and their investors.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter.

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Clairvoyant Energy Plans To Retrofit Vacant Ford Plant to Produce Solar Panels

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Carbon Prices Fall in Latest Quarterly RGGI Auction

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Study: Climate Bill's Energy Efficiency Provisions Could Create 569,000 Jobs Over 10 Years

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BrightSource and Bechtel Will Partner To Build 440 MW Solar Plant in California

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A123 Systems Sets Terms for \$225 Million I.P.O.

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First Solar Signs 2GW Power Plant Deal in China

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Fisker Automotive's Karma To Get 67.6 Miles Per Gallon

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Solyndra Begins Construction on Second PV Panel Manufacturing Plant, Designed To Produce 500 MW Per Year

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We Energies To Build \$250 Million, 50 MW Biomass Power Plant

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Khosla Ventures Announces Two New Funds Totaling More Than \$1 Billion in Committed Capital

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Duke Energy To Build 200 MW Wind Farm in Wyoming

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Everpower Wind Bought Out by UK-Based Private Equity Firm Terra Firma

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Edison Launches 100 MW Wind Energy Project in New Mexico

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Suniva Reaches 18% Efficiency in Thin-Film Solar Panels

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JPMorgan Bids £122.9 Million for Carbon Offset Projects Manager EcoSecurities

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Volkswagen Unveils All-Electric Prototype with 2013 Projected Release

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European Wind Energy Association Report Says Investor Interest in Offshore Wind Projects Is on the Rise

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UK Announces \$12 Million Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Competition

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Nanosolar Demonstrates Completion of 640 MW German Solar-Panel Factory

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Norway To Usher In Law Diverting Oil Profits to Renewable Energy

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Finavera Renewables To Create Joint Venture To Continue Construction of 105 MW Wind Project in County Galway, Ireland

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NordEnergie Renewables Completes Acquisition of 56 MW of Wind Power Plants

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Södra and Statkraft To Develop €1 Billion Portfolio of Renewable Energy Projects

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Norwegian Electric Automaker Think Gets \$47 Million, Moves Production to Finland

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UK Energy and Climate Secretary Introduces New Rules Designed To Get Renewable Power Connected to the Grid

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German Solar Farm 'Lieberose' To Be World's Second Largest Solar Power Plant

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Grants

Recovery Act – Request for Information: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program: Competitive Grants

Public Comment Period Deadline: September 28, 2009

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Recovery Act – Funding for Expansion of Infrastructure for Higher Ethanol Blends

Application Deadline: September 30, 2009

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Baseload Concentrating Solar Power Generation

Application Deadline: October 15, 2009

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Solar America Cities – Technical Outreach

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED)

Application Deadline: Rolling

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large Onsite Renewables Initiative

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Massachusetts Green Energy Fund

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Unsolicited Proposals to the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust's Industry Investment and Development (II&D) Program

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Focus on Energy Renewable Energy Incentives & Grants

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Federal Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit

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Federal Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System

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California Property Tax Exclusion for Solar Energy Systems

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Massachusetts Alternative Energy and Energy Conservation Patent Deduction (Personal and Corporate)

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Massachusetts Hydropower-Property Tax Exemption

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California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger Orders State To Derive 33% of Electricity from Renewable Sources by 2020

Reuters – September 16, 2009

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U.S. Department of Energy Announces \$62 Million in Funding for Carbon Capture and Storage Research

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Arizona Public Service Co. Gets \$70.5 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Energy To Feed Carbon Dioxide to Algae

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Net Metering Bill Stalls in California Legislature, RPS Target Increased

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U.S. Department of Energy Announces \$14.6 Million in Grants for Advanced Water Power Technology Projects

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Wind Energy Research and Development Act Passes House, Would Fund \$1 Billion in Wind Turbine Research Programs

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U.S. Navy Awards Contract to Sustainable Oils for 40,000 Gallons of Camelina-Based Jet Fuel

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U.S. Department of Energy Announces \$535 Million Loan Guarantee for Solar Power Company Solyndra

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First Wind Gets \$40 Million in Federal Funds for Maine Wind Farm

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U.S. Treasury Department Announces \$502 Million in Recovery Act Awards for Clean Energy Projects

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U.S. Department of Energy Announces Nearly \$300 Million in Grants for Clean Fuels, Vehicles and Infrastructure Development

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More Stimulus Dollars Delivered to States for Renewables

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September 21-24, 2009
Ronald Reagan Building
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Next Generation Biofuels Markets

Developing Emerging Feedstocks, Commercial Strategies & Advancements in Conversion Technologies

September 28-30, 2009
NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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2nd Renewable Energy Finance Forum West

September 29-30, 2009
The Palace
San Francisco, California

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SolarTech Workforce Symposium

October 1, 2009
DeAnza College Student Center
Cupertino, California

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Biogas USA

Scaling up Biogas Production in North America

October 1-2, 2009
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San Francisco, California

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The Energy Forum

October 12-13, 2009
The Waldorf Hilton
London, United Kingdom

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Voluntary Carbon Markets

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America Square Conference Centre
London, United Kingdom

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An Introduction to Renewables

The Essentials of Clean Energy Resources, Technologies & Markets

October 12-13, 2009
London, United Kingdom

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2009 Clean Energy Venture Summit

October 14-15, 2009
AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center
Austin, Texas

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October 19-21, 2009
Four Seasons Hotel
Washington, D.C.

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EnviroTech '09

5th International Exhibition on Environment, Water & Green Building Technologies

October 22-25, 2009
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Athens, Greece

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National Venture Capital Association Cleantech Roadtrip

October 27-28, 2009
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Argonne, Illinois

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Anaheim, California

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November

The Networked Grid

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San Francisco, California

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San Francisco, California

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