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In February's edition of *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 Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would like to congratulate ML Strategies clients Dow Corning, Konarka Technologies, and Suniva, all of whom received multi-million-dollar awards as part of the Recovery Act Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits Program. President Obama [announced the recipients of the credits](#) in a ceremony last month at the White House, with awards totaling \$2.3 billion.

The Energy and Clean Technology Practice Group would also like to congratulate clients Ember and PurposeEnergy. Wireless technology-maker [Ember announced last month](#) that it had received \$5 million in venture debt financing from Wellington Financial LP, capital which it will use to grow its business. Meanwhile, construction of [PurposeEnergy's pilot biogas facility](#) is under way at the Magic Hat Brewery in South Burlington, Vermont. PurposeEnergy uses anaerobic digestion to turn the byproducts from brewing into renewable fuels.

Last week, [BP and ConocoPhillips announced that they will leave the lobbying group US Climate Action Partnership \(US CAP\)](#), which has been promoting climate change legislation that includes a universal carbon cap-and-trade system. The announcement of their departure, along with mining equipment manufacturer Caterpillar, casts fresh doubt on the prospect of climate change legislation passing the U.S. Senate.

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter. For weekly updates on pertinent legislation and government programs, please [click here](#) to find the most recent ML Strategies Energy and Environment Update.

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Constellation Energy Commits \$90 Million to Commercial Solar

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BP and ConocoPhillips Quit Climate Lobby Group US CAP

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Tetra Tech Tapped To Build 152 MW Wind Farm in Oklahoma, Contract Worth \$40 Million

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ECotality Announces Filing for NASDAQ Listing

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EnerNOC Reports Increased Quarterly and Full-Year Revenues Year over Year

Press Release, EnerNOC – February 11, 2010

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Propel Fuels Announces \$20 Million in New

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Nexamp Closes Series A Round, Brings on New CEO

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Cheers to the Environment: PurposeEnergy Aims To Make Brewing More Sustainable

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Petra Solar Gets \$40 Million for Pole Mounted Solar and Smart Grid Systems

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Greentech IPO Scorecard: Tesla, Solyndra, Codexis

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Report: Renewable Energy Commitment Could Double Jobs

USA TODAY – February 3, 2010

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American Superconductor Lands \$70 Million Chinese Contract for Wind Turbine Electrical Control Systems

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9,922 Megawatts of New Wind in U.S. in 2009, but Manufacturing Lags

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Ember Adds \$5 Million in Venture Debt Funds

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Fisker Automotive Raises \$115 Million More

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Co-Operative Bank Invests £11.8 Million in Good Energy Group's Repowering of UK's Oldest Wind Farm

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Spanish Electricity Supplier Elecnor Signs Fluor for 50 MW Solar Plant Project

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Norway's Enova Awards \$23 Million to Sway To Develop World's Largest Turbine

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UN OKs Biomass Co-Firing To Meet CO2 Targets under Clean Development Mechanism

Environmental Leader – February 11, 2010

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Energy Consulting Firm KEMA Wins Contract for 1,200 MW Offshore Wind Farm in the North Sea

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Areva Buys Solar-Thermal Start-up Ausra

CNET News – February 8, 2010

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UK Awards £22 Million to Marine Technology Innovators

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Shell and Cosan Plan \$12 Billion Biofuel JV in Brazil

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Wind Turbine Manufacturer Suzlon Group Reports 3Q Revenues of \$1.21 Billion

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UK Government Announces Feed-In Tariff

Clean Edge – February 1, 2010

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Waste Energy Company Sterecycle Raises £10 Million, Appoints New CEO

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\$350 Million for Better Place: An EV in Every Garage

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UK Innovation Investment Fund Launches £125 Million Environmental Investment Fund

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Business Expansion Initiative (BEI)

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Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Large Onsite Renewables Initiative

Application Deadline: Rolling

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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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Obama Administration Announces Loan Guarantees To Construct New Nuclear Power Reactors in Georgia

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – February 16, 2010

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Obama Administration Announces \$130 Million for Building Efficiency Research Center

Clean Edge – February 16, 2010

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San Francisco Sets U.S. Example by Using Property Taxes To Finance Green Upgrades

USA TODAY – February 9, 2010

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EPA Issues Renewable Fuel Standards: What It Means for First and Second Generation Biofuels

Greentech Media – February 5, 2010

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Obama Announces Steps To Boost Biofuels, Clean Coal

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – February 3, 2010

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Obama's \$28.4 Billion Budget for the DOE

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Secretary Chu Announces Closing of \$1.4 Billion Loan to Nissan

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – January 28, 2010

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Tesla Gets \$465 Million Loan from DOE for Manufacturing Facilities

Clean Edge – January 25, 2010

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Secretary Chu Announces More Than \$20.5 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy – January 21, 2010

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Preparation for 2009 Fiscal Year SEC Filings and 2010 Annual Shareholder Meetings

Securities Law Advisory, Mintz Levin – February 9, 2010

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Promoting Your Brand—and Protecting It—on Social Networking Sites

Trademark Advisory, Mintz Levin – January 27, 2010

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ACQ Finance Magazine Names Mintz Levin 2009 Corporate Immigration Law Firm of the Year

Press Release, Mintz Levin – December 14, 2009

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USPTO Announces Program To Accelerate Review of Green Technology

Energy and Clean Technology Intellectual Property Alert, Mintz Levin – December 10, 2009

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Austin, Texas

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Cleantech Forum XXVI

February 24-26, 2010
The Palace Hotel
San Francisco, California

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March

New Energy Finance Summit 2010

March 17-19, 2010
InterContinental London Park Lane Hotel
London, United Kingdom

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Solar Power Finance & Investment Summit

March 17-19, 2010
Rancho Bernardo Inn
San Diego, California

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U.S. DOE Biofuels Conference 2010

March 30-31, 2010
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia

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Greentech Media Solar Summit 2010

March 30-31, 2010
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel
Phoenix, Arizona

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April

Fortune Brainstorm GREEN 2010

April 12-14, 2010
Ritz Carlton Laguna Niguel

Laguna Niguel, California

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Nordic Green II

April 27-28, 2010

SRI International

Menlo Park, California

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Advanced Biofuels Leadership Conference

April 27-28, 2010

Hilton Embassy Row

Washington, D.C.

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May

Alternative Fuels & Vehicles 2010 Conference and Expo

May 9-12, 2010

The Rio All-Suite Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

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ASES National Solar Conference 2010

May 17-22, 2010

Phoenix Convention Center

Phoenix, Arizona

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Indian Wells, California

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Dallas Convention Center

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