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New Report Projects \$50 Billion in Renewable Energy Investment by 2011

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Ethanol Stocks Keep Falling

Greentech Media - November 19, 2007

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Thin Films Lead U.S. Solar Production

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Eternoc, Inc. Announces Pricing of Public Offering

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Carbon Job Market Booming but Talent Pool Is Dry

The Washington Post - November 14, 2007

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Gore Hops On Green Venture Company

The Boston Globe - November 13, 2007

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Solar Stocks Bounce after Hitting Bottom

Greentech Media - November 13, 2007

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Revving Up Our Energy Efficiency

The Boston Globe - November 12, 2007

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China Launches Global Warming Initiative

The Washington Post - November 9, 2007

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Patrick, Dimasi Unveil Bill to Boost State's Clean Energy

The Boston Globe - November 8, 2007

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ASES: 40 Million "Green Collar" Jobs by 2030

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AWEA: U.S. Wind Industry Blowing past Previous Development Records

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North America's Largest Renewable Natural Gas Facility Complete

Renewable Energy Access - November 7, 2007

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Shell and Codexis Develop New Enzymes for Cellulosic Biofuels

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XsunX, Inc. Secures Financing for 100 MW Thin Film Plant

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Good News Expected for Energy Management

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GreenVolts Secures \$10 Million Series A Financing

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Cleantech Group, Credit Suisse and Consensus Business Group Align Forces

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Massachusetts REC Auction Yields More Than \$1.3 Million for Renewable Energy Development

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Investor Confidence in Cleantech Grows

Renewable Energy Access - October 26, 2007

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Governor Patrick Announces Advanced Energy Technology Partnership

GreatPoint Energy to Team with Dominion to Build Research Facility for Natural Gas Conversion at Brayton Point

Press Release, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Department - October 25, 2007

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Suntech Signs \$1.5 Billion Deal for Silicon

Greentech Media - October 25, 2007

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Wal-Mart Asks for Help to Achieve Green Goals

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Berkeley Breakthrough on Financing Solar Energy and Energy Efficiency

Press Release, Berkeley, Calif. Mayor's Office - October 23, 2007

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Federal and State Happenings

DOE Increases Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential Furnaces & Boilers

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - November 19, 2007

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Inclusion of Renewables in Energy Bill Receives New Political Support

Renewable Energy Access - November 19, 2007

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\$3.1 Million in to Support Solar Projects across Massachusetts

Renewable Energy Access - November 16, 2007

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U.S. Energy Secretary Highlights Need for Energy Diversity at 20th World Energy Congress Ministerial Forum in Rome

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - November 13, 2007

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USDA Encourages Use of Biobased Products with BioPreferred

Renewable Energy Access - November 13, 2007

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Department of Energy to Invest More than \$21 Million for Next Generation Solar Energy Projects

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - November 8, 2007

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Range Fuels Signs Agreement with U.S. DOE, Breaks Ground on Commercial Cellulosic Ethanol Plant

Renewable Energy Access - November 7, 2007

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Lawmakers File Bill to Bridge Rural

and Urban Renewable Energy Gap

Renewable Energy Access - November 6, 2007

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White House Honors Federal Agencies for Saving Taxpayers \$133 Million in Energy Costs by Increasing Efficiency Measures

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - November 2, 2007

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DOE Begins Search for 2008 Solar America Cities

Renewable Energy Access - November 1, 2007

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Department of Energy Recognizes Six Leading Organizations for Helping the U.S. "Go Green"

Press Release, U.S. Department of Energy - October 22, 2007

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Spotlight On ... Faith Charles

Faith is a member of the firm's New York office where she practices in the Business and Finance Section. A significant portion of her work involves handling all aspects of public offerings and private placements, representing issuers, underwriters and placement agents. She is frequently engaged by emerging growth companies for pre-public-offering counseling and by established companies in connection with a variety of general corporate and securities law matters. Faith also has experience representing sellers and purchasers in asset, stock and merger transactions, and assisting clients with the negotiation and structuring of joint ventures, strategic alliances and licensing agreements. In addition, she regularly provides counsel to companies needing access to the networks of venture capitalists and investment bankers who influence venture capital and public markets. Traditionally, her clients have been involved in various business areas, including media, life sciences, electronics and computer software, internet services, consumer products, and manufacturing. Faith's frequent exposure to the life sciences industry has also sparked her interest in the clean tech space, and she is increasingly focusing her practice on environmental and technology issues both domestically and abroad. Faith has recently been advising an international solar company, and she is looking forward in the future to utilizing her expertise on the vital businesses associated with

renewable energies and sustainable living.

Faith is admitted to practice in New York and is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. She received her B.A., *cum laude*, from Barnard College (1983) and her J.D. from George Washington University Law Center (1986).

Legal News

Updated Employers' Guide to the 2006 Mass. Health Care Reform Act

Employee Benefits Advisory, Mintz Levin - November 12, 2007

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Mintz Levin's Summer Associate Program Receives Near Perfect Scores in Annual American Lawyer Survey

Press Release, Mintz Levin - November 2, 2007

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Forty-Five Mintz Levin Attorneys Recognized as Massachusetts Super Lawyers

Press Release, Mintz Levin - October 25, 2007

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"E-Proxy" Rules Take Effect

Electronic Availability of Proxy Materials to Be Required

Securities Law Advisory, Mintz Levin - October 12, 2007

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Mintz Levin Named to 2007 List of Top Ten Family-Friendly Firms by Yale Law Women

Press Release, Mintz Levin - October 5, 2007

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Regulation of "Employee Leasing Companies" under the Fair Share Contribution Requirement of the Massachusetts Health Care Reform Act

*A Conundrum for Staffing Firms, PEOs and Other
Three-Party Employment Arrangements*

Employee Benefits Advisory, Mintz Levin - October 3, 2007

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Grants

DOE's Entrepreneur in Residence Program

Application Due Date: December 21, 2007

The Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) Program will bring venture capital sponsored entrepreneurs into three of DOE's National Laboratories to develop plans to commercialize new clean energy technologies. The entrepreneurs in residence will identify technologies that, when commercialized in private sector companies, will contribute to DOE's mission to promote America's energy security through reliable, clean and affordable energy.

The EIR program seeks to identify and develop business cases to commercialize promising laboratory technology and give proven start-up entrepreneurs the opportunity to work directly with technical management and staff at a National Laboratory. Selected entrepreneurs would conduct technology assessments, evaluate market opportunities, formulate preliminary business cases and propose business structures for start-up enterprises, as well as recommend policy and business practice modifications to the National Laboratories to refine their approaches to moving technology into the commercial sector.

The National Renewable Energy Lab, Sandia National Laboratory and Oak Ridge National Laboratory will be the first DOE laboratories to host entrepreneurs in residence. As a first step in the program, DOE will support the work of three entrepreneurs at National Laboratories. DOE will provide up to \$300,000 funding to support this initiative.

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The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offering Its First Grants for Ethanol Production

The Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF) Board of Directors funds those research projects that have clear goals and measurable outcomes with benchmarks that will advance the science of ethanol production. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the RFF will only support projects that directly enhance domestic production of ethanol and the efficient use of co-products. One grant will be awarded for \$150,000, of which \$75,000 will be made available over two years. Viable projects may qualify for continued funding past this time frame.

Research project proposals must have a national implication, not local. The RFF prefers to fund national model projects, thereby making a bigger impact to the U.S. ethanol market.

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SEED 2007

Call for Renewable Energy Company Applicants

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-state agency, established the Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED) initiative to support growth and commercialization of renewable energy technologies in Massachusetts. SEED provides direct and flexible capital to early-stage companies for new renewable energy related product development and facilitates companies in gaining access to private capital. The award amount will be up to \$500,000 per company per 12-month period, up to two awards per Massachusetts company, and SEED is accepting applications on an open enrollment basis.

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Business Expansion Initiative

Business Expansion Initiative (BEI) supports the development and expansion of the production capacity of renewable energy technology firms in Massachusetts. BEI provides secured debt capital to expansion-stage companies for new renewable energy product design and manufacturing financing. BEI loans may only be made to companies located within Massachusetts.

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Predevelopment Financing Initiative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Board of Directors has approved this round of the Clean Energy Predevelopment Financing Initiative in an effort to support the development of grid-connected renewable energy generating facilities in New England. As of October 1, 2005, \$1,574,934 has been committed to projects supported by this solicitation. Two types of funding are available under this solicitation: funding for feasibility studies and funding for pre-development activities (e.g., facility design, environmental studies, permitting, and similar activities). Funding for feasibility studies is available only to public instrumentalities and private nonprofit organizations, and takes the form of grants of up to \$50,000 to public instrumentalities, and unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations. Funding

for predevelopment activities is available to public instrumentalities, private nonprofit organizations and private for-profit corporations or partnerships, and takes the form of an unsecured loan of up to \$250,000 for wind and biomass projects, or up to \$150,000 for other types of renewable energy projects.

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Events

The Alternative Energy Investment Symposium

November 27–28, 2007
Sheraton Hotels & Towers
New York City

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Renewable Energy in America

Phase II Policy Forum

November 28–29, 2007
Cannon Caucus Room, Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.

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Pacific Coast Clean Energy R&D Forum

Innovation and Collaboration for a Secure Energy Future

November 28–29, 2007
Portland Hilton & Executive Tower
Portland, Oregon

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BBI Biofuels Workshop and Trade Show

Building an Industry

November 28–30, 2007
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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2nd Annual Renewable Energy Finance Forum

India

November 29–30, 2007
Hyatt Regency
New Delhi, India

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Cleantech Forum XV

Where the Business of Cleantech is Conducted

December 3–4, 2007

Westin Beijing - Financial Center

Beijing, China

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Future Fuels 2007

December 3–5, 2007

JW Marriott Hotel

Washington, D.C.

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2007 European Offshore Wind Conference and Exhibition

December 4–6, 2007

Estrel Berlin Hotel

Berlin, Germany

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Green Computing Summit

Bringing Industry Expertise to Government Operations

December 5, 2007

J.W. Marriott Hotel

Washington, D.C.

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Second Annual Energy & Resources Conference

Reducing CO₂ Emissions: Short-Term and Long-Term Strategies

December 6, 2007

The Chemist's Club

New York City

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GreenXchange Global Marketplace Conference

The One Event for the Business of Green

December 10–11, 2007

Hyatt Regency Century Plaza

Los Angeles, California

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Ignite Clean Energy 2008

Business Presentation Competition

December 11, 2007
Boston University, Photonics Center, 9th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts

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Boston Going Green Expo

Taking Green to the Mainstream

February 2–3, 2008
Bayside Expo Center
Boston, Massachusetts

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4th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit

Fostering Innovation & Investment Opportunities in Clean Technologies

February 6–7, 2008
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa
Indian Wells, Palm Springs, California

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The Climate Change Summit 2008

February 12–13, 2008
Regents Park Marriott Hotel
Long, England

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POWER-GEN Renewable Energy & Fuels 2008

February 19–21, 2008
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

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Cleantech Forum XVI

February 25–27, 2008
San Francisco, California

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Carbon Forum America

Carbon Market Trade Fair & Market

February 26–27, 2008
Moscone Convention Center
San Francisco, California
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WIREC 2008

Washington International Renewable Energy Conference

March 4–6, 2008
Washington, D.C. Convention Center
Washington, D.C.
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The Wall Street Green Trading Summit

April 2–3, 2008
The New York Times Building
New York City
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The 2nd China International Wind Energy Exhibition and Symposium 2008

April 25–27, 2008
Shanghai New International Expo Center
Shanghai, China
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Cleantech Forum XVII

April 28–30, 2008
Brussels, Belgium
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Solar 2008

National Solar Energy Conference

May 3–8, 2008
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
San Diego, California
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3rd Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit

May 19–21, 2008
FireSky Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona

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Windpower 2008 Conference & Exhibition

North America's Largest and Most Anticipated Event for Wind Energy

June 1–4, 2008
Hilton Americas Hotel
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

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CSI Cleantech 2008

The Cleantech Conference, Partnering, Ventures and Trade Show

June 1–5, 2008
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts

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Green Technology Entrepreneurship Academy

July 7–11, 2008
Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences
Sierra Nevada College
Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada

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Cleantech Forum XVIII

September 15–17, 2008
Washington, D.C.

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