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*Clean Technology Awards*

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### **“People We Have Been Waiting For”<sup>1</sup>: The Next Generation**

- State Middle School State Science Fair CleanTech Awards Made
- All CleanTech Award Project Information Now Available Online

HARVARD, MA /July 18/--Have you ever tried to harvest the energy you waste when you walk? Or make a solar cell? Or researched what motivates recycling? Or designed a program to control your home’s electrical outlets from your cell phone? These are the projects which received the three CleanTech Awards and the Cabot Grand Prize at the Middle-School State Science and Engineering Fair in June.

Photos and more information on these and all of the middle-school regional awards are now available on-line at <http://www.ma.cleantechawards.org/2008MiddleSchool.htm>. In addition, information and photos from the high-school award winning projects, announced in April, are also now available at <http://www.ma.cleantechawards.org/2008CleanTechHighSchool.htm>.

The state middle-school award winners respectively are: Conor Power, Sourav Podder and Alvaro Rotea, Amherst Regional Middle School; Adi Panchamoorhty and Alex Gribov, The Advanced Math and Science Academy in Marlborough; and Malik Salah, The Al-Hamra Academy in Shrewsbury, MA. The Cabot prize winner is Ricky Housley from the Inly School in Scituate.

The Awards were made on behalf of the New England Clean Energy Council, [www.neccec.com](http://www.neccec.com), with funding support Boston Energy Solar Energy Association, [www.basea.org](http://www.basea.org), and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC), [www.mtc.org](http://www.mtc.org).

The New England Clean Energy Council, formed in 2007, is focused on accelerating the region’s clean energy economy, building a world-class cluster of clean energy companies, and establishing New England as a global leader in providing clean energy solutions to the global marketplace.

Commenting on the projects, Mary Essary of the Foresight Project, which managed the program, said, “The curiosity of these students — as young as sixth and seventh graders — and the range of questions they are asking is simply amazing; they are comparable to work at the leading edge of research in these areas. With these examples, it is clear that we can find a pathway to a sustainable future.”

The Foresight Project, [www.theforesightproject.org](http://www.theforesightproject.org), is a non-profit organization formed in the fall of 2006 whose goal is to build connections between high-school and other students with their own future world.

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<sup>1</sup> Quote taken from Thomas F. Friedman, editorial in NY Times, December 2007.