

SunEdison Receives 2009 Climate Champion Award



*Clean Air - Cool Planet's CEO Adam Markham, left,
with Michael Lawless of SunEdison.*

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Boston, MA – SunEdison LLC, received today a Climate Champion Award from Clean Air-Cool Planet for its leadership in corporate climate action at an awards dinner here.

SunEdison was honored for its unique Solar Power Services Agreement (SPSA) business model. That model supports the deployment of large-scale, distributed-generation renewable energy projects requiring little, or no, upfront capital costs by corporations. It has been a catalyst for corporations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“SunEdison exemplifies the innovative, entrepreneurial spirit that must drive the new energy economy that will play such a critical role in solving the global warming problem,” said Clean Air-Cool Planet CEO Adam Markham. “They have faith in a product and a model that says that renewable energy is the wave of the future, and they are taking the risk and staking their success on a better future for us all.”

The company has created efficient solar-energy solutions that last more than 20 years. SunEdison operates more than 80 MW of solar systems at almost 300 sites. As of October 12, the SunEdison solar fleet has produced more than 170 gigawatt hours (GWh) of clean, solar electricity from distributed generation. Focusing on commercial, REIT, government and utility customers, SunEdison finances, builds owns and operates roof top and ground mounted photovoltaic systems at no cost to the property owner. In addition to the environmental benefits, their SPSAs provide customers predictable long-term energy pricing. This model also provides the expected returns desired by project investors.

With their industry leading 24/7 monitoring and maintenance, SunEdison's solar fleet averages 109% of rated output. So far, SunEdison installations have abated more than 220 thousand tons of CO₂.

This year's winners also include

- Chewonki Foundation of Wiscasset, ME, for the quality and level of innovation of its outreach and education efforts.
- Furman University in Greenville, SC, for its innovative climate action planning model, the breadth of its campus sustainability initiatives, and the visionary leadership in the higher education community of its President, Dr. David Shi;
- Hannaford Supermarkets, for opening the world's first LEED Platinum certified supermarket in Augusta, Maine and leadership in corporate climate action;
- Sven-Olof Lindblad for his tremendous commitment to global conservation issues;
- Representative Edward J. Markey for leadership in the fight for a more progressive energy strategy in the House of Representatives;
- Dr. Susan F. Tierney, founding board member at CA-CP, former environmental affairs commissioner for Massachusetts and assistant secretary for policy in the US Department of Energy, for her work in the energy and climate field;
- And the Town of Temple, NH for its common sense, citizen-supported efficiency projects, conservation and continuing education.

Carlos Domenech, COO of SunEdison remarked, "While we are honored and humbled to receive this prestigious award from Clean Air-Cool Planet, the real champions are our commercial, government, and utility customers who have enabled clean, silent utility-scale solar energy to become a reality. It is their rooftops, land and interconnections to the grid that has made this honor possible."

Past winners of the award for their leadership in climate action include governors John Baldacci of Maine and George Pataki of New York; Bank of America, Oakhurst Dairy, Staples and Timberland; Hull, MA, and Maplewood, NJ; Middlebury College, UNH, and Tufts University.