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Re-energizeUS picked for 2007 Climate Champion Award

Presentation at Global Warming and Energy Solutions conference

The student organization Re-energizeUS has received the 2007 award for leadership on climate action from Clean Air - Cool Planet, the leading nonprofit working to find and promote solutions to global warming in the Northeast.

“We chose the young people from Re-EnergizeUS because their energy and determination exemplifies the commitment to increasing action on global warming,” said Adam Markham, executive director of Clean Air - Cool Planet (CA-CP). “They know climate change threatens the future welfare of humanity and our the biodiversity of the planet, and they are working tirelessly to help prevent it.”

The award was presented at CA-CP’s Global Warming and Energy Solutions conference October 13th, in Manchester, NH. Susan Tierney, chair of the group’s board of directors, noted that the group “increased awareness, leadership and accountability on this urgent issue – a commitment that is vital for our country and the world if we are to meet this challenge successfully.”

More than a dozen of the group’s members accepted the award from writer and activist Bill McKibben, a conference speaker. The award citation noted that the group had:

- raised awareness on the part of thousands of citizens, especially in New Hampshire and Iowa, regarding the urgency of the global warming problem and its solutions
- helped communicate the importance of the issue to the next president of the United States, and made it clear that youth are a vocal and involved constituency that will hold our political leaders accountable
- pushed the institutions of higher learning with which you are affiliated to become leaders on this issue
- demonstrated a spirit of empowerment that holds important promise for everyone working on this problem.

The Climate Champion awards are presented every two years at Clean Air - Cool Planet’s climate solutions conferences. Other winners this year include the communities of Maplewood, NJ, and Cambridge, MA, as well as Staples, Inc. and Oakhurst Dairy.