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State Awards over \$2 Million for Clean Energy Projects

Montpelier, Vermont – The State of Vermont announced today that the Department of Public Service (DPS) will award \$2.28 million from the Clean Energy Development Fund (CEDF) for projects throughout the state. The goal of the CEDF is to increase the development and deployment of combined heat and power (CHP) technologies and renewable energy generation.

"Vermonters are innovators, whether in the workplace or in the home," said Governor James Douglas. "My administration has worked diligently with stakeholders and legislators to encourage the development of clean and renewable sources of energy. Although we are fortunate to have a very clean and reliable energy portfolio, we can always do more. Renewable energy resources will continue to play an important role in Vermont's Energy Future," Governor Douglas said.

The DPS received 29 proposals seeking \$3.2 million in funding, in response to the CEDF grant solicitation issued in February. Applicants submitted proposals for projects in the following categories: Pre-Project Financial Assistance, Small-Scale Systems, Large-Scale Systems, and Special Demonstration Projects. There was a maximum grant award of \$25,000 for Pre-Project Financial Assistance, \$60,000 for Small-Scale Systems, and \$250,000 for all other projects.

The following projects were selected for grant awards:

Pre-Project Financial Assistance:

- *Goddard College Woodchip CHP System Feasibility Study*, Goddard College
- *Evaluation of Biomass CHP at Northeastern VT Regional Hospital*, NVRH
- *Industrial Park Sustainable Energy Project*, Northeastern VT Development Association
- *CHP Feasibility Study*, ReNew Building, Materials & Salvage, Inc.
- *Anemometer & Wind Resource Report*, Peter Schneider & Jessica Donovan
- *Randolph BioFiber CHP Project*, Randolph Area Community Development Corp.

Small-Scale Systems:

- *Micro-Hydro Energy in the Northeast Kingdom*, Northwoods Stewardship Center

Large-Scale Systems:

- *Proposal to Restore Hydroelectric Power Generation to Middlebury Upper*, Anders Holm
- *Biomass Cogeneration Facility*, Columbia Forest Products
- *HCRS Solar Project*, Health Care & Rehabilitation Service of SE Vermont
- *Anaerobic Digester*, Chaput Family Farm
- *Large-Scale Solar Energy System at Green Mountain Power*, Green Mountain Power
- *Solar PV at National Life*, National Life Group
- *Co-Generation System Implementation at the Airport Parkway Wastewater Treatment Facility*, City of South Burlington
- *51.24 KW PV array*, WallGoldfinger, Inc.
- *Large-Scale Solar Energy System at Farm-Way*, Farm-Way, Inc

Special Demonstration Projects:

- *Installation of a Concentrated PV System*, Nathaniel Group Inc.
- *Power Generation from a Small Farm Digester*, Avatar Energy, LLC

"The Committee was excited to find that the range and quality of applications was even stronger than our first round," said Lawrence Miller, Chair of the CEDF Investment Committee. "Vermont firms are doing some really interesting and novel work, and we are especially gratified to see the level of creativity brought to financing these efforts."

Additional information on the CEDF is available at:

http://publicservice.vermont.gov/energy/ee_cleanenergyfund.html

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