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[2011 Outlook: A Note From Council President Peter Rothstein](#)

Pessimists in the clean energy sector had plenty to complain about in 2010: a failed climate bill, a stubbornly sluggish economy, supposedly waning VC interest and the election of no small number of climate deniers to Congress. But while pessimists were signed off for the holidays, the last news story of the year offered a reason to be optimistic about 2011 and to set our sites high for this decade. [Read More...](#)

Program Updates

[U-Launch](#)

Accelerating the spinout and commercialization of clean energy technologies from New England university labs is crucial to developing our sector. The U-Launch program aims to do just that, through competitive awards of cash and funded services to companies. The first awards will be announced in February. The program will help to remedy the challenge of moving research to commercial viability by utilizing the expertise and resources of the Council, Fraunhofer, ACTION and MassCEC, including an extensive network of R&D capabilities, investors, entrepreneurial executives, and flexible lab space. [Read more...](#)

[Leading Clean Energy Ventures Executive Certificate Program](#)

In partnership with the Boston University School of Management, this executive education program, modeled after the Council's successful Clean Energy Fellowship, will commence Feb. 3. The program aims to address a simple but acute problem: the lack of repeat entrepreneurs and seasoned executives in the clean energy sector. [Read more...](#)

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Career Center

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Post jobs and internships to our [Career Center](#) and gain access to highly qualified candidates in your industry! Posting is free for Council Sponsors and Members. And don't wait to advertise your summer internship-post a project today!

Job and Internship seekers

[Find opportunities](#) within the cluster, post a resume, and create email alerts for new positions - all for free!

[\\$75,000 Workforce Grant From Garfield Foundation](#)

The Council received a \$75,000 grant from the Garfield Foundation to launch an "Employer Engagement" program in 2011. This program will include a number of workforce initiatives including the development of an HR Council as well as a network of professionals to promote clean energy careers in schools. [Read more...](#)

[1603 Cash Grant Program](#)

Since its creation in the Recovery Act, the 1603 cash grant program has distributed over 143 grants and is responsible for 1,465 clean energy projects. The program enables qualifying renewable power projects that are eligible for either certain tax credits to instead elect a 30% cash grant administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The 1603 program has enabled the creation of over 40,000 jobs and, thanks to the advocacy efforts of the Council's Policy Committee along with many of its Members and other industry groups, the program was preserved in the final tax legislation passed during the lame duck session of Congress. [Read more...](#)

[Online Clean Energy Training Resource Launched](#)

The Council, together with the The Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnership (NEEP), recently announced the official launch of an online resource dedicated to connecting people throughout Massachusetts to information about clean energy education and training programs throughout the state. [Read more...](#)

[RGGI Clean Energy 2.0 Project](#)

With the future of federal energy legislation uncertain, the spotlight has shifted back to state and regional policy efforts. As part of its ongoing regional policy work, the Council has received a grant from the Energy Foundation to fund its RGGI Clean Energy 2.0 Project which will consider the range of policies and practices across the region to develop recommendations for more consistent and valuable structures to positively impact the regional clean energy sector and the region's GHG and clean energy economy. [Read more...](#)

[More program updates...](#)

Read the latest updates on the Clean Energy Innovation Consortia initiative, the Finance Series, the Smart Grid Roundtable and more!

[3rd Annual Green Tie Gala](#)



Our 3rd Annual Green Tie Gala was a celebration of clean energy accomplishments and milestones in 2010. Gala attendees included over 400 clean energy executives, investors, policymakers and thought leaders, and included a keynote address by former MA Secretary of Energy Ian Bowles, pre- and post-dinner networking receptions and an

awards ceremony.

[Congratulations again to Gala award winners:](#)

Breakout Company of the Year: Satcon Technology Corporation

Emerging Company of the Year: Harvest Power

Employer of the Year: Ameresco, Inc.

Corporate Citizen of the Year: Akamai Technologies

Clean Energy Hall of Fame Inductee: Jim Gordon

Clean Energy Leadership Award: Nick d'Arbeloff

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