



# Green Partnership Team News

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010



## Updates and Industry News

Wine turbine manufacturer **Energetx Composites** is planning on building a [120,000-square-foot plant](#) on 26 acres in the Northside Industrial Park in Holland Township, in a move that could bring 750 more jobs to the area.

The **Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth (DELEG)** announced on September 2<sup>nd</sup> that \$250,000 in Workforce Investment Act funding was awarded to **Capital Area Michigan Works!** The grant funds support the Greater Mid-Michigan Bio-Manufacturing Alliance, a Michigan Green Regional Skills Alliance. The full article can be found [here](#).

**Coulomb Technologies** announced the installation of its first ChargePoint® networked electric vehicle charging station in Michigan from its \$37 million [ChargePoint America](#) program. ChargePoint America will offer hundreds of free stations for public and home charging to individuals and businesses throughout southern Michigan. The first ChargePoint America station is now installed at NextEnergy headquarters in downtown Detroit.

**Business Facilities Magazine** has ranked the [Midland area](#) third place in the Top 10 Metro Areas in the nation for economic growth potential in an area with less than 200,000 residents, and Midland placed third in the Top 10 Alternative Energy Industry Leaders category behind Tucson, Ariz. and Albuquerque, N.M. Overall, [Michigan](#) earned third place on a list of the top ten Alternative Energy Industry Leaders, and eighth overall in Best Education Climate.

Advanced battery maker **A123** is opening a [291,000 square-foot facility](#) in Livonia, the largest lithium ion automotive battery plant in North America. The company already has hired 300 workers and is expected to add several thousand jobs in coming years as it opens a second facility in Romulus.

The **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)** September 2010 Michigan Advantage eNewsletter is now available at: <http://www.michpri.com/index.php?page=mpri>

## Upcoming Events

**Washtenaw Community College**, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor MI 48105, is offering a 1 week course covering the basics of installing a photovoltaic system. The class runs Monday through Friday, for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>. For detailed information on the course please visit the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association website [here](#). If you would like to register for the course, and reserve your seat, please contact Jeffery O'Donnell Membership Director at 517-646-6269.

As part of the **Transatlantic Climate Bridge initiative**, the Renewables & Energy Efficiency Roadshow will be in Detroit on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Roadshow is organized by the German American Chamber of Commerce of Midwest (GACCoM) with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany. The roadshow will take place at NextEnergy Center, 461 Burroughs Street. For further information on admission costs and agenda, click [here](#).

## Resource and Grant Links

Reminder: The **U.S. Department of Energy** has launched the Commercial Technology Manufacturing Systems and Components solicitation, a \$750 million loan guarantee solicitation for clean energy manufacturing projects. Michigan business that plan to manufacture commercial renewable energy technologies are encouraged to apply for the program. Solicitation is a two-step process with rolling deadlines. Part I deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and the first Part II Deadline is November 30, 2010. Applicants are encouraged to get their applications in early since projects must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements and commence construction no later than September 30, 2011. For further information please visit [www.lgprogram.energy.gov](http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov).