



Green Partnership Team News

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Updates and Industry News

DELEG's **Bureau of Energy Systems** circulates a monthly newsletter on the activities and updates within the energy sector. This month's newsletter can be accessed at the following link. [Energy Tidbits August 2010](#)

Kalamazoo Valley Community College continues to not only train, but place graduates of their Wind Turbine Technician Academy. This stringent and intense training program is now into its second cohort (expected to graduate December 10th) and is the only program in the US that is certified by the Renewable Energy Education Center in (BZEE) Germany. A brief but informational article can be found at: [Man finds new career blowing in the wind](#) or for more information about the program, visit www.mteckvcc.com and click on "Programs" then choose "Wind Energy Center."

The **US Department of Energy** has funded an innovative education contest called DASH+. This national contest challenged students to design an eco-friendly dashboard of the future in an effort to inspire a new generation of viable, super-efficient vehicles. The winning team, from Dos Pueblos High School in Santa Barbara, CA, will be showing off their design in to a panel of experts in Detroit, including Ford, GM, and the US EPA. For more information about DASH+ read the article at <http://newsystocks.com/news/3600069> or visit www.xprize.org.

Michigan Saves is now enrolling authorized contractors for the Michigan Saves Home Energy Loan Program. This opportunity is available for contractors performing energy audits and/or installing energy efficiency improvements in 36 counties across the state. For more information about the program and to apply to be a contractor, go to www.michigansaves.org/contractors.html.

Upcoming Events

Join the **Michigan Energy Forum's** discussion of Residential Energy Efficiency: A 360 Degree Perspective on Thursday, August 5th, 5-7:00pm. The panel will represent the issue from the view of the contractor, utility, government, non-profits and homeowners. This event will be streamed live on the internet. Find the event details at: <http://www.annarborusa.org/events/details?e=10256>

Resource and Grant Links

Green For All recently announced the launching of a Green Jobs Award Program. This program, open to private companies, seeks to identify, recognize and promote private companies that are leaders in quality green job creation. Applications are being accepted now through August 31st and can be found at the following link: <http://www.greenforall.org/blog/announcing-the-green-jobs-award>

The **US Department of Transportation** and the **US Environmental Protection Agency**, in cooperation with **US Department of Housing and Urban Development** initiated the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program to support metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation and infrastructure investments. Applications must be submitted by August 23rd. Refer to the following link for more information: [Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grants](#)