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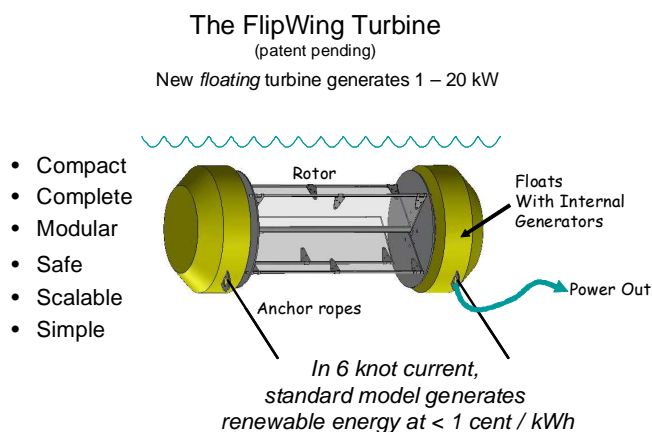
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Hydrovolts Named Best Investment Opportunity at Zino Green Competition

SEATTLE, WA. April 23, 2009 - The Green Investment Forum of Seattle's [Zino Society](#) yesterday awarded Hydrovolts, Inc. with its Zenith Award for Best Investment Opportunity. An audience of more than 100 investors, technology promoters, entrepreneurs and others picked Hydrovolts following an afternoon of presentations by the competing companies. Hydrovolts was also named as one of three finalists to win a \$50,000 prize from the Zino Society following due diligence by a panel of venture capitalists and experienced investors.

Only a month previously Hydrovolts was also voted winner of the "First Look Forum" of the [Northwest Entrepreneur Network](#) (NWEN) out of a starting field of over 50 companies. This time at the Zino Green Investment Forum the company competed against 11 others who had passed early screening. The company's unique hydropower technology, market opportunity, pending patents and strong relationship with the University of Washington were again compelling to the local audience. "At least sixty companies were considered by ZINO and NWEN," says Hydrovolts President and co-founder Burt Hamner. "The fact that we won both competitions really shows the unique potential of our invention and business plan."



Hydrovolts has invented a new "drop-in" hydropower turbine that enables renewable energy generation from millions of sites around the world. The company is developing its technology in part using contracts and projects with the University of Washington "I think the ZINO audience appreciated that we are working with faculty and students from the University of Washington to launch this new clean technology for renewable energy. Two professors and over 20 students have been helping us out so far."

This was the Zino Society's third Green Investment Forum. The Society's unique investment meetings and social events provide entrepreneurs an opportunity to showcase their businesses, and investors and business leaders a chance to a network and invest in a relaxed and supportive environment. With more than 225 active members, ZINO has hosted over 100 presenting companies.

"This is the third annual ZINO Green Investment Forum, and the Dealflow was the most impressive to date. Hydrovolts made a great impression on the investors and on attendees as a whole, walking away as a finalist for the \$50,000 ZINO Green Fund and winner of the ZINO Zenith Award for Best Investment Opportunity," stated Mary Holmes, ZINO Society, V.P. Business Development.

"We have always planned to generate renewable power from irrigation canals and agricultural waterways," says Hamner. "We will be demonstrating our turbines in canals that irrigate local wineries later this year. The Zino Society, which was founded in part to enjoy wine-tasting social events, obviously appreciated that we will make some wineries energy-independent."

Hydrovolts intends to deploy its floating turbines in man-made waterways such as irrigation canals, aqueducts, navigation locks, spillways and industrial water discharges. "While we are focused on these initial locations we remain very excited about the enormous future potential for this technology," commented Hamner. "Our turbine can make power from rivers throughout the developing world. Hydrovolts has the opportunity to have a powerfully positive impact on the lives of more than a billion people around the world."

Hamner commends the Zino Society for its coaching assistance. "We received great advice from two investment professionals that really sharpened our message. This is a great service to participating companies whether they win or not."

Hydrovolts is also receiving increasing attention nationally. In April Hamner made a presentation on "Micro-hydrokinetic power for recharging remote ocean sensor batteries" to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts. The company's technology shows promise to become extremely valuable for ocean and naval research using remote sensors because the turbines can charge batteries and extend sensor life, thus avoiding expensive trips to sea to change or recover the batteries and sensors. Discussions about research projects with WHOI engineers are underway.

Information about Hydrovolts, including animation and video of its new turbine, are online at www.hydrovolts.com. For more information contact Burton Hamner, President, at 206-491-0945 or email burt@hydrovolts.com.

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