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Pacific Northwest Clean Tech Open Declares Hydrovolts One of Three Winners + Sustainability Champion

*Winners receive \$50,000 in cash and services and earn spot in National Finals
for up to \$250,000 in cash and services*

SEATTLE (October 30, 2009) – The Pacific Northwest Clean Tech Open (CTO), an innovation catalyst that helps great ideas become viable clean tech businesses, announced the three winners of the inaugural clean tech business plan competition: Green Lite Motors (100 MPG Commuter Vehicle), Hydrovolts (In-Stream Hydro Power), and LivinGreen Materials (Advanced Solar Technology). The winning teams each received \$50,000 in cash and in-kind services and will now participate in the national competition for up to \$250,000 in cash and services next month in San Francisco. Hydrovolts also won the Sustainability Award, given separately to only one of the 12 semi-finalists.

Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire headlined the event last night at Seattle's ACT Theatre, where she also met with the semi-finalists to learn about their inventions. She recognized the important contributions of the CTO for its efforts in building a viable and sustainable clean tech sector to help the economy and environment of the region.

The three winning teams, including Hydrovolts, were chosen from a field of 10 semi-finalists, winnowed down from an initial group of 56. The 10 semi-finalists have benefited from a summer of focused, hands-on mentoring from local and national business leaders to hone their business plans. Judging of the competition was conducted by a group of leading venture capitalists, angel investors and business professionals with deep experience in helping companies turn ideas into viable businesses. Teams were judged not only on the scientific viability of their technology, but equally on the team's ability to move from their idea from the lab to commercial success.

“Our technology and business plan continue to impress very experienced investors,” says CEO Burt Hamner. “It is extraordinarily difficult to raise money in this recession, and most investors are sitting on the sidelines. Winning events like the Clean Tech Open helps us reach more interested people with this great opportunity.” Hydrovolts is also a current finalist in Inc. Magazine's [Newpreneur](#) contest and a presenter at the [National Renewable Energy Lab's 22nd Industry Growth Forum](#). In April 2009 Hydrovolts was voted winner of the “First Look Forum” of the [Northwest Entrepreneur Network](#) (NWEN) and in May the company won the [Zino Society's](#) \$50,000 Zenith Award for Best Investment Opportunity.

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.

Hydrovolts team receives the CTO Sustainability Prize. CEO Burt Hamner in white jacket, with COO Chris Leyerle and engineer Brian Peithman to his right. CTO directors at the ends.



Hydrovolts CEO explains the Flipwing Turbine to Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire.



The Clean Tech Open Pacific Northwest finalists and directors.

