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Clean Energy Champions Recognized at Annual Member Holiday Event

CONCORD, N.H. – Clean Energy NH (CENH), the Granite State's leading clean energy advocate and educator, has announced the winners of its annual awards.

The Clean Energy Champion of the Year Award, established in 2017, is presented annually to a Clean Energy NH member who has gone above-and-beyond in support and engagement with the organization and demonstrates leadership in the transition to a clean energy future. As the town manager of Hanover for 25 years, Julia Griffin has been instrumental in advancing state and local clean energy policy - through legislation, regulation, and implementation. Under her leadership, Hanover has been a leader in municipal sustainability issues for a decade. Most recently, the town completed a 1.72 MW solar array which, along with other previously completed projects, will provide enough energy to account for 97 percent of the city's electrical consumption.

The Clean Tech Business of the Year Award, also established in 2017, is presented annually to a Clean Energy NH business demonstrating excellence in the clean tech industry sector and support of Clean Energy NH's mission through engagement with the organization and commitment to their work. Hitchiner Manufacturing Co., Inc. in Milford has been recognized for their commitment to sustainability and their dedication to their long-term impact on the community. Faced with challenges in reducing emissions, they have made significant investments in innovative design and product development - resulting in fuel efficiency and cleaner power. Hitchiner's most recent renewable investment, the installation of an on-site 510-kilowatt solar array, will produce more than 625,000 kilowatt-hours every year at a cost of less than $0.04 per kilowatt-hour. Saving the company more than $3.5 million and reducing their carbon footprint by more than 665,000 pounds each year.

Clean Energy NH is the state's leading clean energy advocate and educator, representing over 500 clean tech businesses, municipalities, and individuals. Clean Energy NH is a non-partisan, 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides services and resources to support the Granite State's clean tech industries, policymakers, and communities.

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