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Maine Technology Institute Awards E2Tech with Cleantech Cluster Award

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The Maine Technology Institute (MTI) awarded the Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2Tech) with a $392,700 Cluster Initiative Program (CIP) grant to promote its members, help Maine cleantech companies compete nationally and globally, and implement business and economic development strategies to help accelerate commercialization of clean technologies, products and services.

"I am working with an exceptional set of partners and businesses to accelerate the growth of a sustainable clean technology sector in Maine," said E2Tech Executive Director Jeff Marks. "E2Tech is positioned to significantly enhance future success in commercializing alternative energy and environmental technologies. Maine's energy companies, environmental engineers, emerging entrepreneurs, innovators and designers, government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations and legal, investment and financial professionals are on the cutting edge of this market. We would not be able to leverage these public and private partnerships and resources without MTI's support for Maine's business and technology community."

E2Tech's Board of Directors Chairman and Perkins Thompson Director Jim Katsiaficas agrees. "E2Tech is working to identify and pursue policies, projects, partnerships and financing to encourage investment in and awareness of its members' products and services," said Katsiaficas. "The goal of this project is to support the development, expansion and sustainable maintenance of a robust state and regional clean technology market, including products, services and manufacturing processes related to energy efficiency, renewable energy, advanced materials, environmental services and transportation and alternative fuels. By expanding and enhancing value-added services to our members, we plan to promote our companies, help them compete and accelerate their progress."

Last year, with MTI's support and in partnership with Maine's leading public and private entities, E2Tech defined Maine's cleantech cluster, detailed the sector's economic impact in Maine, described investment and innovation opportunities and resources, and assessed the business climate for clean technology and the innovation and entrepreneurship community. Please visit www.e2tech.org for our report on *The Clean Technology Sector in Maine 2013* and related information.

The Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine (E2Tech) is a non-profit trade association that seeks to build and expand the State's environmental, energy, and clean technology sectors. E2Tech acts as a catalyst to stimulate growth in this sector by facilitating networking, serving as a clearinghouse for objective information, and leading efforts to promote the sector through business and economic development and sustainable job growth projects. Please visit www.e2tech.org for information on events, projects, members and partners.