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The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association Honors Renewable Energy Leaders at Annual Membership Meeting

Dimondale, MI (December 8, 2007) – The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association is pleased to announce their annual award recipients. On Saturday, December 8, 2007, the GLREA presented several companies and individuals with awards for their work on renewable energy projects across Michigan. Awards were presented at GLREA's Annual Membership Meeting in front of over 125 attendees at Leopold Brothers Brewery in Ann Arbor, MI.

Exemplary Project Award

The 2007 recipient of the *Exemplary Project Award* is the Hybrid Home team that designed and built the Onekama Hybrid Home, located in Onekama, MI. This award is presented for the renewable energy or energy efficiency project that demonstrates the most innovative and practical use of technologies and methods. The Onekama Hybrid Home is a model of energy efficiency, utilizing green building and energy efficiency techniques and implementing renewable energy systems in the home. Project Partners receiving awards include:

- Hybrid Homes LLC
- Homeowners Steve Szilvagyai & Faye Backie
- Image Design
- Bauer Power
- Standale Lumber
- Onekama Building Supply
- R-Value Concrete Structures LLC
- Schuco
- Southwest Wind-Skystream
- Shaw Industries Inc.
- Wall Tech Products
- Alliance for Environmental Sustainability
- Galaxy Electric
- Team Elmer's
- H&H Plumbing & Heating Inc.
- Andersen Windows
- CertainTeed

The Onekama Hybrid Home was a featured tour during the 2007 Michigan Energy Fair.

Individual Commitment Award

The Individual Commitment awardee for 2007 is David Konkle, Energy Coordinator for the City of Ann Arbor. The Individual Commitment Award is given to the individual who has increased the mainstream use of renewable energy in Michigan. In the 19 years since David has been Energy Coordinator, he has saved the City over \$8 million in Energy costs and has been awarded over \$2 million in grant funds for the City. Recently, Ann Arbor was named a Solar America Cities recipient from the US Department of Energy, alongside other cities such as New Orleans, New York City and Boston.

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Business Leadership Award

The 2007 recipient of the Business Leadership Award is Wolverine Power Cooperative and John Deere Renewables, LLC for the Harvest Wind Farm, located near Pigeon, MI. The Business Leadership Award is awarded to the business that has significantly furthered the market transformation for renewable energy in Michigan. The Harvest Wind Farm is the first of its kind in Michigan, helping to reduce Michigan's dependence on non-renewable forms of energy and paving the way for future wind development in the state. Harvest Wind Farm is comprised of 32 wind generators comprising a total wind capacity of 52.8 megawatts of generation power. The award was accepted by Chad Geiger of Wolverine Power.

GLREA Appreciation Award

The 2007 recipient of the GLREA Appreciation Award is Robert B. Nelson of Fraser, Trebilcock, Davis & Dunlap, PC in Lansing, MI. The GLREA Appreciation Award is given to the individual whose actions have greatly enabled the ability of GLREA to fulfill its mission and who has also contributed significantly to the growth of the organization. Robert is a retiring Board Member of GLREA, an avid supporter of the organization and a wonderful resource.

The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association is honored to acknowledge these individuals and companies for their commitment to renewable energy technologies and sustainable energy practices in Michigan. For more information about any of these awards, please contact the GLREA at 800-434-9788 or info@glrea.org.

The Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the mainstream use of renewable energy technologies and sustainable energy practices. The organization works statewide to raise awareness of renewable energy in Michigan through the Michigan Energy Fair, the Michigan Sustainable Homes and Businesses Tour, educational seminars and outreach programs. For more information about the GLREA, please visit www.glrea.org.

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