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## **California's Clean Tech "Game Changers" Announced**

### **Nineteen Companies Receive Top Honors as Leader's In State's Clean Tech Industry**



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SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 11, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Nineteen California companies have been chosen as the 2011 "Game Changers of the Year" in Clean Technology by Grow-California for their impact on California's green industry. The award winners were selected from more than 200 nominees.

Each company will receive "Game Changer of the Year" awards at the Clean Tech Innovation Conference at the Kaiser Center, in downtown Oakland, November 2nd and 3rd.

"The Selection Committee was faced with the difficult decision to choose from a comprehensive list of over 200 quality nominees," said Neil Paschall, Selection Committee Chair and a Managing Director with the national investment banking firm, McLean Group, LLC. He added, "We reached out to investors, academia and other professionals in the clean tech industry for input to make our final decisions. As a result, the selected honorees are true leaders in the sector and are an excellent representation of California's leading role in clean tech research and development."

The Clean Tech Innovation Conference comes at a time when many political and industry leaders have been advocating support for green technology to create much-needed jobs, improve the economy and lessen our demand on fossil fuels. Yet, the recent failure of Solyndra and other clean tech firms have caused some to question whether the California clean tech industry will continue to grow and become the sustainable economic driver that supporters claim.

"This is an elite group of clean tech innovators who represent California's path forward for maintaining its leadership role and the exciting economic potential the industry can provide for

generations to come," said Jon Gregory, chief executive officer, of Grow-California. He added, "The reality is that there are a number of clean tech companies thriving in California because of their vision, leadership and ability to transform innovative ideas into reality."

**The 2011 Clean Technology Game Changers are:**

<b>Company:</b>	<b>Category:</b>
MBA Polymers, Richmond	Innovation in Environmental Recycling
Project Frog, San Francisco	Green Building Innovation
SynapSense, Folsom	Technology and Energy Efficiency Innovation
Amyris Biotechnologies, Emeryville	Innovation in Green Transportation
LS9, South San Francisco	Most Innovative Clean Tech Start Up
Solar City, San Mateo	Innovation in Solar Technology
Google Green, Mountain View	Raising Capital for Clean Tech Innovation
Solazyme, Inc., South San Francisco	Innovation in Renewable Biofuel
Sungevity, Oakland	Innovation in Cleantech Marketing & Sales
Sapphire Energy, San Diego	Innovation in Public/Private Partnerships
Lundberg Family Farms, Richvale	Innovation in Energy and Agriculture
Tesla Motors, Palo Alto	Innovation in Energy Storage
Bloom Energy, Sunnyvale	Innovation in Power Quality
eMeter, San Mateo	Innovation in Smart Grid Technology
Adura Technologies, San Francisco	Innovation in Lighting Control
Lucid, Oakland	Innovation in Clean Energy Education
Lemnis Lighting, San Francisco	Innovation in LED Technology
Energy Recovery, Inc., San Leandro	Innovation in Energy and Water
Waste Management, Inc., Oakland	Innovation in Energy Investment and Financing

Grow-California, the conference organizer, is dedicated to fostering jobs and creating wealth in California by connecting entrepreneurs, growth companies and market leaders with talent, capital and customers. For more information about the conference or the "Game Changer" winners, visit: [www.grow-california.com](http://www.grow-california.com)

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