

## **Fourth Annual Clean Energy Venture Summit Calls Entrepreneurs to Present Premier Conference Raises Millions in Funding for Start-ups**

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“Companies that present at our summit have an incredible track record of receiving investment as a result of their participation. We are reaching out to entrepreneurs from across the country to apply,” said Isaac Barchas, director, Austin Technology Incubator. “The Clean Energy Venture Summit is a unique and strong opportunity for today’s leading-edge and innovation focused clean tech companies to present to some of the nation’s top clean energy investors.”

The summit will feature a competition of 20 early stage clean energy companies in seven focus areas, including: energy management; building-integrated energy efficiency technologies; smart appliances; energy information systems; smart resource management (electricity, water, gas and waste); distributed energy storage; and distributed fueling for transportation. Summit judges will evaluate entries based on innovation, overall market opportunity, stage of development, intellectual property position, resource requirements, environmental impact and potential return on investment.

“In 2007 we were selected to present at ATI’s venture summit. As an emerging company focused on the development and manufacturing of integrated power management and storage systems, we were seeking strategic financing. The summit was a key turning point for our company, connecting us with renowned investors who understood our innovation. After that successful kick off, we have raised a total of \$40 million to date,” said Dr. Carlos Coe, founder and CEO, Austin-based Xtreme Power.

In addition to connecting entrepreneurs and investors, the Clean Energy Venture Summit provides a unique networking opportunity for companies in the smart grid and smart building arenas. The summit includes a half-day entrepreneur workshop featuring presentations and panel discussions from investors, IP attorneys and other industry experts. Entrepreneurs have the opportunity to network with industry peers, investors and a range of clean energy leaders.

To apply to present or register to attend, visit [www.cleanenergyventuresummit.com](http://www.cleanenergyventuresummit.com).

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