



# Monroe County Legislature

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To the Honorable  
Monroe County Legislature  
407 County Office Building  
39 West Main Street  
Rochester, New York 14614

**Re: Monroe County Renewable Energy Technology Award Program**

Honorable Legislators:

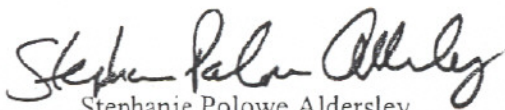
At a time when Monroe County is being promoted as a regional showcase of innovative renewable energy technology, it is important to recognize the local companies and businesses responsible for building this reputation. From the startup businesses currently being mentored by Renewable Energy Network of Entrepreneurs in Western New York (RENEW NY) to fuel cell technology educational and manufacturing programs, local energy-related companies of all sizes are putting the greater Rochester area at the forefront of the energy technology sector.


Economic growth, a decreased dependence on overseas fossil fuels and a healthier environment are direct benefits of a strong renewable energy market. By promoting the renewable energy sector in Monroe County, we can ramp up economic development efforts while exploring ways to meet energy needs in lower-cost and more efficient methods. Now is the time to enhance existing county efforts being undertaken to promote and grow Monroe County's renewable energy sector. Now is the time to recognize local business and educational leaders who are working to advance innovative renewable energy technologies.

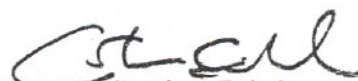
Therefore, we recommend that Monroe County on an annual basis, present the Renewable Energy Technology Award to a local business or educational leader committed to advancing the growth and success of the renewable energy sector in Monroe County. The Monroe County Department of Planning and Development will be responsible for administering the Renewable Energy Technology Award and look to the Greater Rochester Enterprise and Rochester Business Alliance for assistance with the award criteria and nomination process.

This request may be accomplished by existing County personnel and will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the 2005 Monroe County budget.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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