



## ECO-INNOVATION CLIENTS SNAP UP ENERGY INNOVATION AWARDS

The Second Annual Energy Innovation Awards recently took place; leading figures from across the energy sector attended an impressive ceremony held at the Hilton Deansgate Hotel, Manchester.

The event, hosted by comedian, author and broadcaster Mark Steel, honoured Individuals and companies from across the UK and Europe who have shown exceptional enthusiasm towards energy innovation and sustainability, with entries reported to be up 34% on last year's inaugural awards! the event was a real success.

The Energy Innovation Awards, created by Cheshire's [Energy Innovation Centre](#) was this year supported by leading organisations including the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA), European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), CE Electric, EA Technology Group, Electricity Northwest, Energy Networks Association (ENA), Institute of Engineering & Technology (IET), The Northwest Fund for Energy & Environmental, ScottishPower Energy Networks, Scottish and Southern Energy and UK Power Networks. <sup>ii</sup>

Among the award winners was North West Eco-Innovation clients, Atmos Technologies Ltd and E-Energy Enterprise Ltd, both honoured in the 'New Energy Generation' award category. Warrington based company [Atmos Technologies Ltd](#) was awarded the 'New Energy Generation' award and a Commendation in this category was awarded to Wirral-based [E-Energy Enterprise Ltd](#).

Atmos Technologies Ltd is developing a novel technology which could transform the uptake of renewable solar power generation. By using plain glass with a transparent conductive oxide coating it could reduce costs by as much as 90% relative to equivalent traditional photovoltaic panels. At the same time the technology is more rugged and reduces reliance on scarce and toxic materials.

E-Energy Enterprise Ltd was commended for its ability to convert low-temperature waste-heat into electric power without any additional fuel and no additional carbon emissions. The electricity generated can be sold, providing financial payback of less than 18 months, at standard meter rate and with no subsidies.

North West Eco-Innovation Client, Lisa Thomson, project manager at Merseyside-based [Furlong Innovations](#), who last year won the 'Consumer Benefit' award explained how their innovative CombiSave boiler technology is now in manufacture, and the company has gone on to win several other environmental awards.

Denise Massey, Director of the Energy Innovation Centre, congratulated all of the winners and finalists saying: "These awards celebrate the sheer skill and determination of individuals and teams who are working so hard behind the scenes to develop cutting edge-energy products and services which will benefit the environment, customers, and strengthen the energy industry moving forward."

For further information regarding North West Eco-Innovation Programme, please contact C-Tech Innovation.

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<sup>i</sup> <http://www.energyinnovationcentre.com/awards-pages/energy-innovation-awards-2011>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.energyinnovationcentre.com/current-news/last-chance-to-book-your-seat-at-the-energy-innovation-awards>