



Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England

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ACTION Receives Grant Funding from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

January 29, 2013 (Fall River, MA) - ACTION, the Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England, today announced that the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) has awarded \$90,000 in funding to support the launch of ACTIONPass, a new program designed to drive clean energy business activity to Massachusetts and the Northeast region through a diverse network of cleantech incubators and to gather data regarding Massachusetts clean energy incubators and their member companies.

Cleantech entrepreneurs, regardless of geographic location, may engage with and contribute to the already robust cleantech ecosystem in Massachusetts and the Northeast through ACTIONPass, ACTION's new membership level. The program provides an affordable entry point for cleantech startups not ready for full incubation to access meeting space and programs within the growing network of ACTION incubators. ACTION's website fully details the ACTIONPass program, <http://www.actionnewengland.org/Membership.html>.

MassCEC promotes the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in the Commonwealth that will produce high-quality jobs and contribute to Massachusetts' economic growth.

"Bringing together incubators will benefit the expansion of clean energy business development across Massachusetts," said MassCEC CEO Alicia Barton McDevitt. "We're looking forward to working with ACTION to gather research and data regarding incubators that support clean energy start-ups in Massachusetts."

ACTION's President, Michael D. Ryan states "We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with MassCEC to promote and contribute to the success of clean energy incubators and companies across Massachusetts. Our goals and interests are strongly aligned with those of MassCEC and we look forward to supporting this and other initiatives".

The ACTIONNetwork is comprised of seven Massachusetts clean tech incubators and partners and a total of 13 cleantech incubators throughout New England and has alliances with similar organizations in the United Kingdom and in Europe.

About ACTION

The Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England (ACTION) is New England's leading network of cleantech incubators sharing the common goals of accelerating the growth and success of early-stage companies, strengthening the regional cleantech cluster, and creating more green jobs in New England. Their network of incubators provides diverse resources and a highly- supportive hub in which entrepreneurs, business leaders, government agencies, community leaders, investors, universities, and other interested organizations can collaborate toward the successful commercialization of enterprises that will build a prosperous green economy, improve the quality of our lives and sustain the health of our environment. Visit www.actionnewengland.org

About MassCEC

Created by the [Green Jobs Act of 2008](#), the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) is dedicated to accelerating the success of clean energy technologies, companies and projects in the Commonwealth—while creating high-quality jobs and long-term economic growth for the people of Massachusetts. Since its inception in 2009, MassCEC has helped clean energy companies grow, supported municipal clean energy projects and invested in residential and commercial renewable energy installations creating a robust marketplace for innovative clean technology companies and service providers. Visit www.masscec.com.