



Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England

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ACTION Welcomes Law Firm McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton as Supporting Sponsor

Fall River, Mass (August 12, 2014) – The Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England, ACTION, has announced that the law firm of McLane, Graf, Raulerson and Middleton is a new, supporting sponsor. ACTION’s mission is to accelerate the success of early-stage cleantech entrepreneurs supported by its membership of 12 cleantech incubators throughout New England and two international incubators located in the United Kingdom and Italy.

“Many cleantech startups within ACTION’s member incubators are at the product prototype and early commercialization stage,” said Gillian Isabelle, ACTION’s executive director. “The McLane sponsorship will provide these startups, particularly those in manufacturing, with access to legal advice on intellectual property, patent infringements, strategic partnerships, licensing agreements, and exporting.”

Founded in New Hampshire, McLane is the largest and most diverse law firm in that state, and is currently enjoying strong growth in Massachusetts. McLane will offer ACTION member entrepreneurs a bundled package of services through ACTION’s programs for startups.

“We look forward to helping new companies successfully bring their innovations to market through this partnership,” said Cathy Schmidt, Executive Director and CEO of McLane. The firm has extensive experience serving clients engaged in solar photovoltaic, anaerobic digestion, geothermal, wind, biofuel, hydro, and other emerging clean energy technologies.

“With early commercialization assistance as one of our areas of focus, we look for sponsors that can provide real value to our members and to their resident entrepreneurs,” said Isabelle. “McLane clearly meets that goal, and we look forward to building a highly-productive and valuable relationship”.

About ACTION

The Association of Cleantech Incubators of New England (ACTION) is New England’s 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 McLane, Graf, Raulerson & Middleton

Founded in 1919, the McLane Law Firm is one of New England’s premier full-service law firms. With over 90 attorneys and more than 25 paralegals, McLane combines legal excellence with creative thinking and superior client service to construct innovative strategies for our clients. McLane’s Intellectual Property Group helps clients manage and execute their intellectual property strategies. Our attorneys focus on U.S. and foreign patent procurement, opinions, trademark and copyright law, e-commerce and Internet law, domain name/cybersquatter disputes, technology development, and trade secret protection. Find out more at www.mclane.com.