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ENERGY SPROUT FINALISTS ANNOUNCED **Statewide Competition to Highlight Sustainable Energy Future**

ALLENTOWN, Pa., June 22, 2016 — Sustainable Energy Fund and West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) nonprofits that support and finance energy users seeking a sustainable energy future, today announce the finalists for the Energy Sprout competition. Energy Sprout, which is part of Energypath, Pennsylvania’s largest sustainable energy conference, is open to Pennsylvania residents, businesses and community organizations. With a category for business entries and another for community groups, the goal of Energy Sprout is to develop new technologies and business models that contribute to a sustainable energy future.

“This year we were thrilled to receive a wonderful pool of submission,” said President and CEO of Sustainable Energy Fund, John Costlow. “Selecting our finalists was no easy task, and we are proud to invite them to present their entries at Energypath 2016. This is an excellent opportunity to focus on Pennsylvania’s sustainable energy future, and we congratulate the finalist on their accomplishments.”

Each finalist was selected following a presentation to a panel of judges assembled by the Sustainable Energy Fund and WPPSEF. Those selected will present their entries at Energypath 2016 on Thursday, July 28. Finalists include:

- **Community Competition**
 - Energy Coordinating Agency – Philadelphia, PA
 - Saint Francis University Institute for Energy – Loretto, PA
 - Serenity Soular – Philadelphia, PA
- **Business Competition**
 - CEWA Technologies, Inc – Wyomissing, PA
 - EthosGen – Wilkes-Barre, PA
 - Renewable Homes, LLC – Philadelphia, PA

"It is a tremendous accomplishment for these teams to present as finalists," said Joel Morrison, executive director of WPPSEF. "We had many new ideas for the judges to choose from we are proud to be involved in such an initiative that challenged the teams to think big and critically about their role in the future of sustainable energy here in Pennsylvania".

Finalists will receive awards at Energypath's keynote dinner, also on July 28. Within the business competition, finalists will compete for three grants in the amount of \$100,000 for first place, \$25,000 for the runner-up, and \$3,000 for third place. Winners of the community competition will be presented with a grant in the amount \$25,000, with second place receiving a \$5,000 grant, and third place receiving a \$3,000 grant.

About Sustainable Energy Fund

Sustainable Energy Fund, a nonprofit organization, assists energy users in overcoming financial, educational and regulatory barriers to a sustainable energy future. SEF provides a variety of services including financing energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; educating the leaders of today and tomorrow to create a passion for sustainable energy; and representing the interests of energy conservation, energy efficiency and renewable energy in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Visit www.theseef.org

About West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund

West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that invests in the deployment of sustainable energy technologies throughout the West Penn Power service (WPP) region in Pennsylvania. WPPSEF investments are focused in three broad categories:

- Deployment of sustainable and clean energy technologies;
- Deployment of energy efficiency and conservation technologies; and
- Facilitating economic development, environmental betterment, and public education as they relate to sustainable energy deployment in the WPP service region.

Visit www.wppsef.org for further information.