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## **Regional Clean Energy Community Workshops to be Presented in March & April**

**New Britain, CT – March 18, 2013** –Throughout March and April, representatives from the Clean Energy Communities program will present regional workshops on how Connecticut communities can support clean, renewable energy and earn energy efficiency grants and clean energy systems.

The Clean Energy Communities program is administered by Connecticut Light & Power, United Illuminating and the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority as part of the Energize Connecticut initiative. Participating cities and towns pledge to reduce municipal building energy consumption 20 percent by 2018 and voluntarily purchase 20 percent of its municipal electrical needs from clean, renewable sources by 2018.

The workshops will take place at the following locations (dinner and refreshments provided):

### **Mansfield Regional Workshop**

Mansfield Clean Energy Task Force

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

Town Council Chambers

4 South Eagleville Road, Storrs

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Workshop

### **West Haven Regional Workshop**

West Haven Clean Energy Task Force

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

Biagetti's Restaurant, Banquet Room

77 Campbell Avenue, West Haven

6:00 pm -6:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Workshop

### **Bristol Regional Workshop**

Bristol Mayor's Task Force on Energy Consumption

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Nuchies Restaurant, Banquet Room

164 Central Street, Bristol

6:00 pm -6:30 pm Dinner  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Workshop

These workshops will cover the following topics:

- Zero Emissions Renewable Energy Credits (ZREC) program
- Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program
- Scholastic Bright Idea Grants/CT Green LEAF Schools program
- Lead by Example initiative
- Benchmarking your buildings
- New residential financing programs
- Home Energy Solutions<sup>SM</sup> community promotions

Through participation in energy-saving and renewable energy programs, communities can earn points towards rewards. For example, when residents or businesses in a municipality install a clean energy system, enroll in the CTCleanEnergyOptions<sup>sm</sup> program, or sign up to receive a Home Energy Solutions<sup>sm</sup> assessment, they earn points for their community.

For every 100 points earned through participation in energy efficiency programs, a municipality will receive a “Bright Idea Grant” ranging from \$5,000 - \$15,000 that can be used toward a community-selected energy-saving project, such as hiring an energy auditor to assess/benchmark municipal buildings or to leverage existing funds to make energy-saving improvements to a school. For every 100 points earned for renewable initiatives, a municipality will earn a clean energy system equivalent to a 1 kilowatt (kW) solar photovoltaic system.

For more information on the workshops, please contact Diana McCarthy-Bercury at [mccard@nu.com](mailto:mccard@nu.com) or call 860-665-5061.

### ***About Energize Connecticut***

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at [EnergizeCT.com](http://EnergizeCT.com) or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

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