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SIXTEEN NON-PROFITS SLASH CARBON FOOTPRINT WITH GREEN ENERGY

Montgomery County, MD (April 19) —The Nonprofit Roundtable, Nonprofit Montgomery, the Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County and Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light announced today that sixteen Greater Washington nonprofits are drastically reducing energy costs by participating in the [NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE III](#), a cooperative purchasing alliance. Since launching in May 2010, the **NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE** has helped 42 organizations purchase green energy. **This purchase is significant in that it is the cumulative equivalent to offsetting over 12 million pounds of Carbon Dioxide annually or to taking 1043 passenger vehicles off the road.** This is the third group to partake in the **NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE** which has been convened expressly to assist nonprofit organizations in Montgomery County and its neighboring jurisdictions in organizing and collectively negotiating for cheaper and greener electricity.

The sixteen participants of **NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE III** are: Manna, Inc., New Community for Children (NCFC), Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, Washington Ethical Society, Appleseed Foundation, Inc., Two Rivers Public Charter School, Inc., International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Community Forklift, LLC, River Road Unitarian Church, Inc., Imagination Stage, Inc, Adelphi Friends Meeting, Jubilee Association of Maryland, Inc., InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, St. Mary Magdalene (SMM), Academy of Hope and CentroNia.

The participants of **NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE III** came together to use their collective purchasing power in order to secure competitive electricity supply at lower cost and to protect the environment and build a greener economy by supporting clean sources of energy. Collectively, the aggregated total savings compared to current Standard Offer Service (SOS) Rates is approximately \$76,000 over a two-year period. The aggregated total Wind Power purchased is about 2,800 Megawatt hours (MWh), over a two-year period. The environmental impact of the purchase of the Wind Power Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) offsets 4,220,221 pounds of Carbon Dioxide, which is equivalent to taking 375 passenger vehicles off the road or powering 232 homes over a two-year period.



“At a time when organizations’ budgets continue to decline and utility costs continue to escalate,” says Suzan Jenkins, CEO, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and member, Nonprofit Montgomery Steering Committee, “we are pleased that the Nonprofit Energy Alliance can help organizations reduce fixed expenses and redirect those funds to programs. This third offering of the Nonprofit Energy Alliance demonstrates that creative purchasing models can benefit organizations and generate significant savings, especially in this depressed economy.”

NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE I, II and III participants arranged their purchase of clean and renewable energy from [Clean Currents](#), a leading independent green energy company providing affordable, renewable wind electricity. Formal agreements for the provision of energy remains between each of the individual participant organizations and Clean Currents. The [Nonprofit Roundtable](#) and its affiliate [Nonprofit Montgomery](#) in partnership with the [Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County](#) and [Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light](#) are organizing Nonprofit Energy Alliance IV for fall of 2011. Any nonprofit organization working in Suburban MD and/or DC that pays for electricity (as an owner or renter) and is current with their payments may be eligible.

About Nonprofit Energy Alliance

The **Nonprofit Energy Alliance** is not a formal or contractual group, but an alliance of like-minded nonprofits who have joined together to use their collective purchasing power to not only secure competitive electricity supply at lower cost, but to protect the environment and build a greener economy by supporting clean sources of energy that are essential to protecting our environment and building a new economy. The Nonprofit Energy Alliance is a collaboration between the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, Nonprofit Montgomery, Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington and the Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light. Since launching in May 2010, the **NONPROFIT ENERGY ALLIANCE** has helped 42 organizations purchase green energy. This purchase is significant in that it is the cumulative equivalent to offsetting over 12 million pounds of Carbon Dioxide annually or to taking 1043 passenger vehicles off the road.

About Nonprofit Montgomery

Nonprofit Montgomery is an interactive network of nonprofits of all types working to promote the collective interests of the nonprofit community. Nonprofit Montgomery's mission is to build collective strength, visibility, & influence of the nonprofit sector in Montgomery County in order to create a just and caring community. For more information go to www.nonprofitmontgomery.org



About the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County

Since 1976, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County has been Montgomery County's designated local arts agency, committed to providing non-profit organizations, artists and scholars with the resources they need to continually bring quality arts and humanities to this community. Our vision is to provide leadership that sustains arts and humanities organizations, artists and scholars and inspires participation in our County's rich cultural assets. For more information go to www.creativemoco.com and for our cultural calendar, go to www.doandgo.org

About Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light

Our mission is to help hundreds of congregations of all faiths across the DC area to go green, save energy, and respond to climate change. We are part of a network of Interfaith Power & Light groups across the country. Together we are building a national religious response to the climate crisis. For more information go to www.gwipl.org

About the Nonprofit Roundtable

The Nonprofit Roundtable works to build the **strength, visibility, and influence** of the nonprofit community in order to create a more just and caring community in Greater Washington. Roundtable membership includes advocacy organizations, direct service providers, grantmakers, and corporate partners all working together to solve regional problems. Some signature initiatives include the Beyond the Walls Fellowship and Future Executive Directors Fellowship; the Capital Area Foreclosure Network; and the Think Twice Before You Slice Campaign. For more information go to www.nonprofitroundtable.org

About Clean Currents

Clean Currents is a leading independent green energy company providing residents & businesses in Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania with affordable, renewable, wind electricity and solar installations. For more information go to www.cleancurrents.com

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