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Meet the Clean Energy Prize Finalists

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 Ikanos Power, from the University of Michigan, was one of the semifinalist teams in the Clean Energy Competition. Photo: Liv Gold

Yesterday afternoon, over 25 semifinalist teams in the [MIT Clean Energy Prize](#) competition crammed into a conference room in the Sheraton Boston for an afternoon of judging and exhibition.

The event, which is sponsored by NSTAR and the US Department of Energy, is a business plan competition that is open to full time students in the US. Over \$500,000 in cash and other prizes are to be awarded to the grand prize winning team and to

1. *Biomass* **Husk Insulation**, from the University of Michigan: Agricultural waste to thin high-grade insulation
2. *Clean hydrocarbons* **Produced Water Purifiers**, from MIT: Polymer super-adsorbent technology for petroleum collection
3. *Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure* **Troy Research Corporation**, from RPI: Deep ultraviolet solid state lighting
4. *Renewables* **Heliotrope Solar**, from MIT and Yale: Low-cost non-mechanical solar tracking
5. *Transportation* **Levant Power**, from MIT: Innovative regenerative suspension system for improved vehicle fuel economy and handling

Congratulations to the finalists! Catch the [grand prize announcement](#) on May 12th at 2:00pm at the Wong Auditorium, Building E51, MIT (70 Memorial Drive, Cambridge MA).

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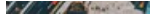
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I'm sure they all deserve to win the grand prize but if I had to choose just one, I would choose Heliotrope Solar if only because it is nice to see two universities, Yale and MIT, work together.

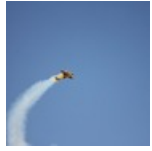
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