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(Portland, OR) – This year at the 2009 NW Solar Expo for the first time ever, The Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association proudly handed out three separate awards to an individual, a company, and a policy maker which are each exceptional in their respective area.

The Helios Award, Acknowledging a company which has made a positive impact on the Solar Industry of Oregon, was granted to Advanced Energy Systems. Advanced Energy Systems, located in Eugene, OR, has over 25 years of experience within the Renewable Energy Industry and is responsible for more commercial solar installations than any other company in the state. For decades David Parker, President of Advanced Energy Systems, and his staff have been upholding the highest level of workmanship and providing the Northwest with clean solar energy services and expertise.

The Jim Slater Award, named after the first licensed Limited Renewable Energy Technician (LRT), acknowledges an individual who has shown exceptional expertise and commitment to the solar industry. Sarah Freel, a Photovoltaic Technician at Mr. Sun Solar, was granted the first ever Jim Slater award. Sarah holds the record for highest score in history on the State Licensing Exam (LRT) and is the first female to obtain the LRT license. Sarah is also NABCEP certified. She is well known throughout the industry as a most versatile and dedicated individual who is always smiling.

The last award given was the Apollo Award, acknowledging a policy maker who has gone above and beyond to create, sponsor, and advocate for legislation which supports the solar industry, was granted to Governor Ted Kulongoski. Governor Kulongoski has served as Governor in Oregon for six years and throughout his career has accomplished many great deeds for Oregon not the least of which was establishing groundbreaking renewable energy standards which will require that 25% of Oregon's electricity come from renewable sources by 2025. Leaders such as Governor Kulongoski set an example for all Oregonians and show that through commitment, foresight, and perseverance great things can be accomplished.

The Oregon Solar Energy Industry recognizes these three award recipients for their excellence and dedication to the betterment of the lives of Oregonians by providing services within the Renewable Energy Industries.

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