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Suffolk University Launches Clean Energy Program

BOSTON — Serving as a leader in fostering energy independence, Suffolk University is launching a program for students to make financial contributions to support the development of local clean energy projects. Suffolk is the first school in the City of Boston to join the Clean Energy Choice-On Campus Program, administered by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC).

Through the program, Suffolk will not only help grow the demand for alternatives to fossil fuel-generated electricity, but also earn funds for renewable energy projects on its campus, in the City of Boston, and in low income communities throughout Massachusetts. This is made possible through a double-matching grant program administered by MTC.

The funds that Suffolk University students contribute will go toward supporting local clean energy projects, such as wind turbines being built in Princeton, MA. Suffolk is partnering with the Mass Energy Consumers Alliance (Mass Energy), a Boston-based non-profit energy organization that has been working to make energy more affordable and sustainable for the past 25 years. In 2006 Mass Energy launched the New England Wind Fund; contributions to the Fund are used to buy green power from new wind developments under long term contracts, thereby helping developers obtain loans and improve the financing for wind power. Most recently, Mass Energy has used contributions to the Fund to sign a contract to buy the green power from the Princeton Wind project, which will consist of two 1.5 MW turbines in Princeton, MA.

For more information on Suffolk University's sustainability programs, visit www.suffolk.edu/sustainability, or call 617-973-1145.

Suffolk University, located on Boston's historic Beacon Hill, with international campuses in Madrid and Dakar, Senegal, is a comprehensive global institution distinguished by the teaching and the intellectual contributions of its faculty. Suffolk University offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 70 areas of study. Its mission is to provide access to excellence in higher education to students of all ages and backgrounds, with strong emphasis on diversity. Suffolk has a combined enrollment of more than 9,000 full-time and part-time students at its Law School, College of Arts and Sciences and Sawyer Business School.

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