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Local Schools Win National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project 2012 Youth Awards for Energy Achievement

Barnstable, MA, May 6, 2011 – Several Cape Cod schools that participate in Cape Light Compact’s Energy Education Program have been honored with a 2012 Youth Award for Energy Achievement by the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Project for their outstanding energy projects and community outreach efforts.

On a yearly basis, NEED conducts a search to identify the most outstanding energy projects developed through their school-based energy education programs. Participating schools from across the country send their energy projects to NEED for review by a National Awards Review Panel composed of leaders from the energy, education, and government sectors. In April, this year’s Panel chose winning projects from entries that had previously been judged *Best in State* by the state Department of Energy Resources. Winners will be honored at a National Recognition Ceremony in Washington, DC on Monday, June 25, 2012 at the Department of the Interior.

Cape Light Compact’s Energy Education Program, in partnership with NEED, reaches Cape and Vineyard schools and supports teachers in their efforts to bring the world of energy efficiency, energy conservation, the science of energy and renewable energy to their students. Through the “kids teaching kids” model, students are engaged in energy education outreach through classroom activities, energy clubs and community events. Teacher in-service workshops, educational kits, materials and guest speakers are available free of charge as part of the Compact’s commitment to help shape an energy literate society.

2012 NEED Youth Award for Energy Achievement Winners:

Sandwich High School Seniors Olivia Nelson and Daryan Lemire

Sandwich High School Massachusetts Senior Finalist – Gil Newton, advisor

National and State Elementary School of the Year

Eastham Elementary Green Energy Army - Maggie Brown, advisor

State Elementary School Rookie of the Year

Forestdale School, Mrs. Paltrineri’s 5th Grade – Laura Gregorio-Tanguilig, advisor

State Junior School of the Year

Bourne Middle School Energy Savers – Cindy McCann, advisor

National and State Special Category Project of the Year

Harwich Community Learning Center’s Energy Adventure Seekers - Sally Andreola, advisor