



## Low Impact Hydropower Recognized as National Non-Profit Company of the Year

**LEXINGTON, MA (October 23, 2018)** — The Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) has been chosen as The Cleanie Awards™ recipient Non-Profit Company of the Year. The Cleanie Awards program is the first comprehensive awards program exclusive to the cleantech industry. The program, in its inaugural year in 2018, sets out to recognize innovation excellence, business leadership and superior outreach campaigns. Nominations were submitted from individuals and organizations of all sizes and across many facets of the industry.

The award signifies how influential LIHI has been within the cleantech field, specifically within the non-profit category which was open to non-profit organizations of any size. Entrants were judged on the organization's goals, strategy, execution, results and innovation/creativity.

"The Cleanie Awards set out to identify the unsung movers and shakers in the industry, from the top of the Fortune 100 list to hot startups, pioneering individuals and high impact advocates," said Elyssa Rae, program director, The Cleanie Awards. "LIHI exemplifies the type of innovation and leadership that we are seeking in an award winner. Their accomplishments serve as an inspiration to the broader cleantech industry."

"We are pleased to be the recipient of this prestigious award," said Shannon Ames, Executive Director of LIHI. "Our organization is committed to creating market opportunities for hydropower projects that can demonstrate strong environmental, recreational and cultural stewardship. Receiving the first-ever Cleanie Award is a testament to this work."

LIHI was selected by a cohort of judges and leaders representing a cross section of the cleantech and renewable energy sectors, including Allie Burns, Village Capital; Thiam Giam, Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC; Marissa Gillett, Energy Storage Association (ESA); Kristen Graf, WRISE; Gil Jenkins, ACORE; Shalini Ramanathan, RES; Chris Vlahoplus, Scott Madden; and Tom Weirich, Rubicon Infrastructure. A full list of winners can be found [thecleanieawards.com](http://thecleanieawards.com).

**About LIHI:** The Low Impact Hydropower Institute (LIHI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to reducing the impacts of hydropower generation through the certification of hydropower projects that have committed to environmental, cultural and recreational stewardship pursuant to the Low Impact Hydropower Institute's criteria.

LIHI is the only third-party, independent body offering certification for any energy source in the US. It provides an unbiased review of hydropower projects that voluntarily apply and provide in-depth details on project impacts. States such as Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Oregon as well as national programs such as the Green Power Partnership and Green-e voluntary Renewable Energy Credit recognize LIHI's Certification. The board consists of a mix of environmental non-governmental organizations and industry-related



individuals, helping to ensure a balanced view. Visit [www.lowimpacthydro.org](http://www.lowimpacthydro.org) for more information. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook at @lowimpacthydro and on LinkedIn.

**About The Cleanie Awards:** The Cleanie Awards is the first comprehensive awards program exclusive to the cleantech industry. It generates much needed visibility for innovators and disruptors in the industry who are creating life [and planet] changing solutions. The campaigns recognized by the award program aim to influence public opinion about technologies delivering on the promise of a clean energy future. For more information, visit our website at [www.thecleanieawards.com](http://www.thecleanieawards.com). Follow us on Twitter or Facebook at @CleanieAwards and on LinkedIn.

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