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High Tech Rochester's Doreen Kula a finalist for a clean energy Startup Supporter of the Year

Awards celebration in Boston to honor exceptional companies and individuals in the Northeast region's clean energy industry

Doreen Kula, program director of the statewide New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's entrepreneur-in-residence program and assistant director of the NEXUS-NY Proof of Concept Center, two programs managed by High Tech Rochester in West Henrietta, is one of three finalists for the Startup Supporter of the Year, an award given by the New England Clean Energy Council. The winner will be announced at NECEC's Annual "Green Tie Gala" awards on October 30 in Boston.

NECEC is a regional non-profit organization representing clean energy companies and entrepreneurs throughout New England and the Northeast through programs and initiatives that help clean energy businesses at all stages of development to access the resources they need to grow.

Startup Supporter of the Year is awarded to an organization or individual who has gone above and beyond in supporting clean tech startups, entrepreneurs and the growth of the clean tech innovation ecosystem in the Northeast.

As the program director of the NYSERDA entrepreneur-in-residence program since 2008, Kula directs the efforts of more than 100 business development mentors who work with clean energy startups throughout New York State.

As assistant director of the NEXUS-NY (New Energy Xcelerator of Upstate New York) Proof of Concept Center, one of just three in New York, Kula works closely with selected clean energy researchers and entrepreneurs; NEXUS-NY provides business mentoring and financial support to early-stage technologies for the validation of their commercial potential, a critical phase that occurs between research and commercialization.

"I'm pleased to see that Doreen's dedication to the development of startup companies and clean energy initiatives – both in the Rochester area and throughout New York – is being recognized," says HTR president James Senall. "HTR's mission is to foster the creation and growth of startups and to help fill gaps in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. NYSERDA has been the state's driving force in support of the clean tech sector, and we are proud to partner with them on these two very valuable and successful statewide programs."

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