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**Northeast Energy and Commerce Association Honors Industry Leader
BlueWave Solar at its Fifth Annual Awards Night**

BOSTON, date –The Northeast Energy and Commerce Association (NECA) will hold its 5th Annual Awards Night event on October 17, 2018 at the offices of Foley Hoag LLP in Boston's Innovation District to honor the team at BlueWave Solar.

“We are thrilled to be honoring BlueWave Solar as this year’s awardee,” NECA President Joe Dalton said. “BlueWave Solar exemplifies the leadership, innovation and community that has helped to evolve the energy industry. I am very proud to be honoring their outstanding achievements.”

BlueWave Solar is a Boston-based renewable energy company on a mission to revolutionize energy with simple, powerful solar solutions. As a certified Benefit Corporation (B Corp) BlueWave strives to make solar available to everyone, everywhere through residential solar loans and community solar projects. Founded as a commercial-scale solar development firm, BlueWave has built over 50 projects comprising more than 135 MW of solar in Massachusetts alone, and was a pioneering developer of community solar in the state. BlueWave continues to innovate as a solar developer exploring “dual-use projects” in Massachusetts, which would enable agricultural productivity and solar energy to coexist on farmland. Today, BlueWave provides community solar power access to thousands of residential and commercial customers, both through their own solar farms and through farms developed by others. For homeowners who can install rooftop solar, BlueWave offers innovative loan financing through installer partners in MA, RI, NY, SC, NC, and FL. Their solar management platform enables installers to make BlueWave loans and community solar subscriptions accessible to more residents and businesses, while conveniently managing customers online.

NECA is also delighted to welcome speakers to address the age of innovation in Massachusetts and our broader ecosystem. Judith Judson, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources will kick off the event along with Alistair Pim, Vice President of Innovation & Partnerships with Northeast Clean Energy Council.

NECA is New England's oldest and most broadly-based, non-profit trade association serving the competitive electric power industry. Founded in 1985 to foster the development and maturation of competitive power markets, NECA's purpose has expanded over time and now serves as an open forum among all stakeholders with a full range of energy and environmental interests, including traditional and renewable electric generation, natural gas and other fuels, and energy efficiency.