

4 businesses are cited for success

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MANSFIELD — Four Burlington County businesses were among 18 high-performing companies cited Friday at the second annual Business Incubation Awards held at the Rutgers EcoComplex on Florence-Columbus Road.

The award-winning companies were from a wide range of industries, including life science, information technology and environmental industries.

Two are affiliated with the Burlington County College High Technology and Life Science Incubators in Mount Laurel, and two are connected to the EcoComplex.

Suzanne Zammit, president of the New Jersey Business Incubation Network, which selected the companies, praised the firms' efforts.

"There are close to 325 early-stage and start-up companies located at our network of 13 incubators throughout New Jersey," said Zammit, a Pemberton Township resident.

New Jersey's small businesses employ more than 50 percent of the state's private sector labor force, according

to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"Many of these new jobs will come from the incubation network incubator start-up and early-stage companies. With our awards, we are recognizing the companies that are already making contributions to New Jersey's economic growth," Zammit said.

The winning companies with the Burlington County College High Technology and Life Science Incubators are American CryoStem and Nothing But Green Living Enterprises. The winning companies from the Rutgers EcoComplex are AL-G Technologies and Energy Catalysis Inc.

American CryoStem is a biotech life sciences company that works with cell structures. It describes itself as a pioneer in the fields of regenerative and personalized medicine.

"The discoveries and intellectual property we developed in the incubator environment granted us the opportunity to collaborate with leading universities, including most recently with Rutgers," said John

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Arnone, CEO of American CryoStem.

Nothing But Green Living Enterprises, which specializes in eco-friendly products, offers a wax-free green product for flooring.

"The Burlington County College incubator has given us a physical presence, and manager Isabel Thompson has been outstanding by helping us network our business," said Nathaniel Anderson, chief operations officer of the company and a Willingboro councilman.

AL-G Technologies produces algal biomass that will target the feed, food and fuel industries.

"The Rutgers EcoComplex has been instrumental in helping AL-G Technologies advance from both a technical and business

perspective," said John Moran, chief operating officer.

Energy Catalysis has a process that converts coal or biomass/coal into clean liquid fuels and refinery feedstock.

"The advanced laboratory facility and cooperation of the facility management at the Rutgers EcoComplex promoted the success of Energy Catalysis," CEO Partha Ganguli said.

The New Jersey Technology and Entrepreneurship Talent Network, which is hosted by the New Jersey Institute of Technology and funded by the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development, co-hosted Friday's event. Sponsors were BioNJ, Lam Cloud, New Jersey Technology Council, New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, and Angel Venture Fair.

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