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### 75F Receives Highest Investment at Co\_Invest Cleantech from Clean Energy Trust

BURNSVILLE, Minn., May24th, 2018 – Building Intelligence company 75F announces that they have been awarded a \$270,000 investment at Co\_Invest Cleantech from Clean Energy Trust, a nonprofit cleantech accelerator based in Chicago, Illinois. 75F is one of four new portfolio companies selected from over 100 applicants; and, the crowd of attendees voted 75F as the People’s Choice. Co\_Invest Cleantech is a demo day event where entrepreneurs, investors, executives, and students gathered in Chicago for a day that celebrates a shared belief in the power of entrepreneurs to take on the hardest challenges to sustainable life on the planet.

75F’s intelligent building automation solution is gaining recognition for significant energy savings and workplace comfort and productivity improvements, reflected in [multiple awards](#), including the Cleantech Open. At Co\_Invest Cleantech, 75F not only secured the \$250,000 investment, they also won an additional \$20,000 for winning the People's Choice Award, based on the on-site audience voting.

#### **Energy Efficiency is Just the Start - Toward Improved Owner and Occupant Experiences**

While the 30-50% energy savings of 75F Intelligent Building solutions both provide a short payback timeframe and support corporate sustainability initiatives, perhaps the greatest value realized is that for people, in providing an optimized occupant experience, with a welcoming, comfortable, healthy environment where temperatures, air quality and lighting maximize occupant productivity and wellbeing.

Consider that the cost of staffing represents about 100x that of energy costs, on an annual, per-square-foot basis. If the energy savings alone can justify smart building improvements in a matter of just 2-3 years, consider the exponential and immediate gains in providing a great place to work for happy, productive and healthy inhabitants in your building... and on this planet.

The owner and building management stakeholders also benefit from reduced time and OpEx funds required for maintenance and operations. Further, sensing and data visualization offer enhanced monitoring, measurement and control capabilities across multiple buildings, equipment and indoor environments -down to the individual zones.

#### **Easy Installation Lowers Barriers to Adoption for Smart Building Controls**

The cost and complexity of traditional building controls have prevented their adoption for the majority of commercial buildings. The ease of installation and operation is really what makes 75F a groundbreaking company. You no longer require a specialist to install and configure the systems or make changes to HVAC and thermostat systems in commercial buildings.

In mid 2017, 75F partnered with a local school to demonstrate just how easy the install and commissioning as the teachers saw this [student-led installation](#) exercise as a great way to teach the real-world applications of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), as well as the importance of energy efficiency and air quality.



### **So, Who Will Join 75F in Clean Energy Trust's Investment Portfolio?**

Clean Energy Trust also announced investments in 3 more companies who will join the organization's investment portfolio alongside 75F.

#### **Mobius (Knoxville, TN) - \$100,000**

Mobius is creating the first usable, entirely bio-based biodegradable plastic. By overcoming a prohibitive technical barrier with support from Oak Ridge National Lab, this high-performance, low-cost plastic replacement material holds enormous potential. The first product for production will be a mulch-film targeted for strawberry, melon, and tomato crops. Their biodegradable solution has the potential to save tons of plastic from winding up in landfills and oceans.

#### **Sigora International (Chicago, IL) - \$200,000**

Sigora International provides utility-management systems for the 1.3 billion people in frontier markets without a grid connection. Using a smart meter custom-built for emerging markets, web-managed software, and simple payment solutions, the Sigora platform streamlines bill collection, reduces revenue losses, and deters energy theft. Sigora is the "operating system" for micro-utility business models.

#### **WellIntel (Milwaukee, WI) - \$150,000**

Groundwater is a critical, but poorly-understood and under-measured resource. WellIntel is a water technology company igniting a groundwater revolution. WellIntel combines patented, next-generation acoustic measurement technology, remote telemetry, and a cloud platform to collect first-of-its-kind groundwater-level measurements from a wide range of private, residential, and commercial wells. The collected data can be used by local and state governments and water-intensive industry to make smarter business and development decisions.

Clean Energy Trust also made a follow-on funding investment into an existing portfolio company, NuMat Technologies. This investment, along with the investment in Sigora International, referenced above, was made out of Clean Energy Trust's Illinois Clean Energy Innovation Fund, an investment vehicle funded by the U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program, through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Today's funding announcement represents the culmination of a new investment process and the final step in transitioning from an annual business plan competition to a seed fund. The four new companies that will join the current investment portfolio of 23 were selected from over one-hundred applications through a highly rigorous due diligence process. In the near future, Clean Energy Trust hopes to build on this year's successful investments with the 501vc™ Impact Fund, by raising a pool of capital to make larger investments in our existing companies and other high-potential startups.



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**About Clean Energy Trust:** Clean Energy Trust funds and grows early-stage clean energy startups in the Midwest through direct investment and venture development. Since Clean Energy Trust first began funding cleantech startups in 2011, supported companies have raised an additional \$139 million in follow on funding and created over 300 jobs. Since 2014, Clean Energy Trust has invested in 27 startups across the Midwest states. To learn more, visit [cleanenergytrust.org](http://cleanenergytrust.org).

**About 75F:** [75F is and award-winning](#), IoT and Machine Learning company taking a fresh approach to HVAC, lighting and controls in commercial buildings. Founded in 2012, 75F offers data-driven, proactive building intelligence and controls. 75F's mission is to improve occupant productivity through enhanced comfort and indoor air quality – while saving energy. 75F has delivered hundreds of energy-efficient, comfortable and healthy spaces to enthusiastic customers who [rave about the results](#).

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