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Lighting for Tomorrow 2008 Announced **Energy-efficient lighting fixture design competition features CFLs, LEDs**

Lighting for Tomorrow is looking into the future of residential lighting with its 2008 fixture design competition—not just for new products but for innovative technologies as well. Along with the promotion of attractive energy-efficient residential lighting fixtures, *Lighting for Tomorrow* is also encouraging innovation in the use of new light sources. This international lighting fixture design competition will be officially launched at the Dallas Lighting Market, January 17–21. Included is a new solid-state lighting category that calls for use of the world's most energy-efficient white LED devices.

Lighting for Tomorrow is organized by the American Lighting Association (ALA), the U.S. Dept. of Energy (represented by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory), and the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE). About two dozen energy-efficiency organizations in the US and Canada have pledged more than \$150,000 to sponsor this latest competition.

CFL Fixture Family Design Competition

Lighting for Tomorrow continues to seek decorative, efficient fixture families in a range of style and price categories that will meet the needs of US and Canadian consumers. However, there are added challenges for entrants in the 2008 competition. "There has been tremendous change in the lighting industry since the competition began in 2002," said Rebecca Foster, senior program manager at CEE and a co-manager of *Lighting for Tomorrow*. "The 2008 competition mirrors that change by requiring CFL chandeliers to dim for the first time. We're looking forward to highlighting the most innovative and beautiful fixtures in this year's design competition."

Last year's winning CFL fixture family designs came from Sea Gull Lighting and Savoy House.

Solid State Lighting (SSL) Competition in Third Year

The first *Lighting for Tomorrow* Solid-State Lighting Competition, held as a separate event in 2006, attracted 30 entrants. Last year's Grand Prize winner from among a field of 40 entrants utilized LEDs in an innovative downlight designed by LED Lighting Fixtures (LLF), of North Carolina. In addition, California-based Finelite, Inc. won in the portable desk/task and undercabinet lighting categories. Progress Lighting, from South Carolina, won in the outdoor category.

The use of white LED lighting for general illumination is advancing quickly, with new products being introduced regularly. *Lighting for Tomorrow's* 2008 SSL competition is adding a category to highlight the on-going progress in LED device innovations. The "Future LED" category will require a minimum LED device efficacy of 90 lm/W.

The deadline for entries is April 30, 2008. Winners will be announced during an award ceremony at the ALA Conference, September 14–16, 2008 in Washington, DC and will be eligible to be promoted by energy efficiency programs across the US and Canada. For complete guidelines and rules for the 2008 competition, see www.lightingfortomorrow.com.

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