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New England Women in Energy and the Environment's Tenth Annual Awards Gala

BOSTON, MA -- New England Women in Energy and the Environment (NEWIEE), a powerful force of professional women that elevates women in these sectors, will host its 10th Annual Awards Gala at the Westin Copley Place in Boston from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on April 30, 2020. This annual event brings together over 500 women and men to celebrate women's leadership and achievements across the energy and environmental fields.

Secretary Kathleen Theoharides, Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) will provide the Keynote Address for the 2020 Gala. Trained as a field biologist, Theoharides began her policy career working in Washington, D.C. at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition and Defenders of Wildlife. In 2016, she joined the Baker-Polito Administration where she has continually guided the development and implementation of the Administration's efforts to safeguard Massachusetts from the impacts of climate change.

NEWIEE will also honor the following women at this year's Gala for their accomplishments as women leaders and change makers in energy and the environment:

Leadership Awardee

- **Mindy S. Lubber** - Chief Executive Officer and President at Ceres

Achievement Awardees

- **Sheila Dormody** - Rhode Island Director of Climate and Cities Programs at The Nature Conservancy
- **Jean Ann Ramey** - Founder and Executive Director at Climable.org & Co-Founder and SVP at Synapse Energy Economics

Rising Star Awardee

- **Eugenia T. Gibbons** - Policy Director at Green Energy Consumers Alliance

"It is incredibly exciting for NEWIEE to celebrate our 10th Awards Gala and recognize amazing women in the energy and environment sectors," said **Jacqueline Ashmore**, President of NEWIEE, and Executive Director of Boston University's Institute for Sustainable Energy.

Tickets to the 10th Annual NEWIEE Awards Gala are on sale until April 23rd. For more information, and to purchase tickets before they sell out, please visit www.NEWIEE.org.

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Founded in 2008, NEWIEE provides a forum for sharing expertise and experiences of its members while fostering a dynamic environment for those passionate about energy and environmental issues in the New England area and beyond.