

Company: Sesame Solar, Jackson, MI

Company Description: Sesame Solar developed the world's first Renewable Mobile Nanogrid to address our society's need for an easy-to-use, sustainable way to quickly get reliable power and help to people after catastrophic events, while also providing an energy solution for expeditionary and off-grid power needs. Powered by solar + green hydrogen + battery storage, and easily set up by 1 person in <15 minutes.

Nomination Category: Company / Organization Categories

Nomination Sub Category: Company of the Year - Energy - Small

Nomination Title: Sesame Solar

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<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/finalist-in-the-2024-keeling-curve-prize>

2023 Awards:

Time's Best Inventions of 2023: <https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-named-to-times-list-of-the-best-inventions-of-2023>

Fast Company's World's 50 Most Innovative Companies (#44/50 and #1 in Rapid Response):

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-named-to-fast-companys-annual-list-of-the-worlds-most-innovative-companies-for-2023>

Verizon Climate Resilience Prize:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-named-verizon-climate-resilience-prize-winner>

News Articles:

SupplyCore:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-teams-with-supplycore>

U.S. Army:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/engineer-research-and-development-center-celebrates-us-armys-first-hydrogen-powered-nanogrid>

White House Climate Capital Convening:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-at-the-white-house-climate-capital-convening-paving-the-way-for-renewable-solutions>

Clean Mobile Power Initiative:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/lauren-flanagan-at-the-2023-clinton-global-initiative-press-briefing>

Forbes article about Atmospheric Water Generation with Sesame Solar:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-and-watergen-partner-on-mobile-nanogrids-that-provide-power-and-drinking-water>

One Commerce Philippines:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/sesame-solar-enters-new-market-in-island-nations-through-partnership-with-one-commerce>

Santa Barbara:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/santa-barbara-county-unveils-new-nanogrid-emergency-response-trailer>

Videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBe8ksLGPs4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9IN3LDICTY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntQNSDAQ1JQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNygXwuvubY&>

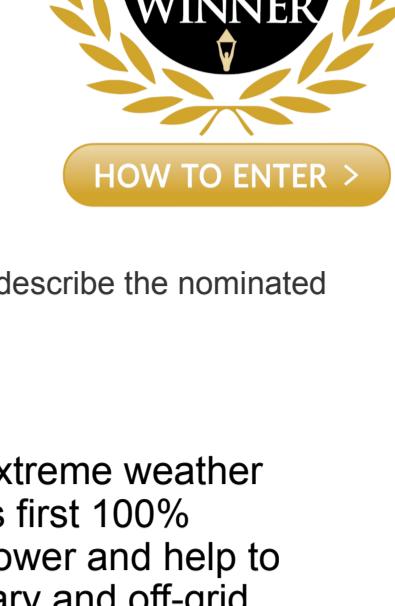
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEvMH6KI_iw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjaO9j_oPMM

Podcasts:

<https://www.sesame.solar/blog/whos-saving-the-planet-podcast>

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