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## **The Cleanie Awards™ Selects James Thomas for Rising Star Under 30**

**Broomfield, Colo.** – James Thomas with RES (Renewable Energy Systems) has been chosen as [The Cleanie Awards™](#) recipient for Rising Star Under 30. The Cleanie Awards program is the first comprehensive awards program exclusive to the cleantech industry. The program, in its inaugural year in 2018, sets out to recognize innovation excellence, business leadership and organizations of all sizes and across many facets of the industry.

For James Thomas, this award signifies how influential he has been within the cleantech industry, specifically within the renewable energy sector. “The Cleanie Awards set out to identify the unsung movers and shakers in the industry, from the top of the Fortune 100 list to hot startups, pioneering individuals and high impact advocates,” said Elyssa Rae, program director, The Cleanie Awards. “James Thomas exemplifies the type of innovation and leadership that we are seeking in an award winner. His accomplishments serve as an inspiration to the broader cleantech industry.”

James Thomas is a Transmission Planner with [RES](#) (Renewable Energy Systems), the world’s largest independent renewable energy company active in onshore and offshore wind, solar, energy storage and transmission and distribution. He is a key contributor to the interconnection, solar site selection, engineering, origination, LMP analysis, and transactions for RES’ development projects.

Since obtaining a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology at the age of 26, James has contributed to the successful completion of over 500 MW of wind and solar projects and spearheaded the development of several business critical tools, including an automated basis risk calculation tool that drive energy pricing and a prospecting tool that automatically calculates available transmission capacity at all U.S. substations.

“I am honored to be included the inaugural Cleanie Awards program, and humbled to be selected amongst my peers,” said James Thomas, Transmission Planner with RES.

James was selected by a cohort of judges and leaders representing a cross section of the cleantech and renewable energy sectors, including Allie Burns, Village Capital; Thiam Giam, Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC; Marissa Gillett, Energy Storage Association (ESA); Kristen Graf, WRISE; Gil Jenkins, ACORE; Shalini Ramanathan, RES; Chris Vlahoplus, Scott Madden; and Tom Weirch, Rubicon Infrastructure.

A full list of winners can be found [thecleanieawards.com](http://thecleanieawards.com).

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### **About RES**

RES is the world's largest independent renewable energy company active in a range of technologies including onshore and offshore wind, solar, energy storage and transmission and distribution. At the forefront of the industry for the last 35 years, RES has delivered more than 16 GW of renewable energy projects across the globe and supports an operational asset portfolio exceeding 3.5 GW worldwide for a large client base. RES employs more than 2,000 people and is active in 10 countries. For more information, visit [www.res-group.com](http://www.res-group.com).

### **About RES**

The Cleanie Awards is the first comprehensive awards program exclusive to the cleantech industry. It generates much needed visibility for innovators and disruptors in the industry who are creating life and planet changing solutions. The campaigns recognized by the award program aim to influence public opinion about technologies delivering on the promise of a clean energy future. For more information, visit our website at [www.thelcleanieawards.com](http://www.thelcleanieawards.com).

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