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Xunlight Honored By State of Ohio For Success through Thomas Edison Program

TOLEDO, Ohio – The state of Ohio recently recognized local startup Xunlight Corporation for its rapid advancements in the solar industry.

Ohio's Thomas Edison Program honored Xunlight during its 25th Anniversary celebration in Columbus, part of the state's annual Legislative Day. Xunlight was one of five companies statewide to receive the award, given to those that started and advanced through the Edison program.

“We are extremely appreciative of this award and are grateful to the State of Ohio for its assistance and commitment in providing Xunlight with valuable resources for our early-stage development,” said Matt Longthorne, who accepted the award as Xunlight's vice president, corporate development and strategies.

Xunlight, a technology spin-off from the University of Toledo, engages in the development, manufacture, and marketing of photovoltaic modules that convert sunlight into electricity.

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The company develops thin-film silicon based photovoltaic products and manufacturing equipment for high-throughput production of flexible and lightweight photovoltaic modules at low cost.

In 1984, the Thomas Edison program was created to improve the competitiveness of Ohio manufacturers. Today, the program encompasses each region of Ohio with eight Edison Technology Centers and 13 Edison Technology Incubators.

The Regional Growth Partnership's Launch program, one of those 13 statewide incubators, nominated Xunlight for the award.

"Xunlight symbolizes the tremendous value the Edison and Launch programs can provide to startups," said Tasha Hussain Black, director of Launch. "We are proud of Xunlight's enormous progress, and we draw on their success as a model for other companies coming through the program."

Launch is a technology-based business incubation program of the Regional Growth Partnership. Launch provides comprehensive business assistance for entrepreneurs and start-up companies that are commercializing revolutionary, world-class technologies, to accelerate company growth and time to-market-entry.

The Regional Growth Partnership is a private nonprofit development corporation dedicated to fostering local, national, and international economic growth opportunities for Northwest Ohio. The Regional Growth Partnership acknowledges the contribution of the state of Ohio, Department of Development and Thomas Edison Program, which provide funding in support of the Launch program.

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