

Awards

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

ELON MUSK

CEO of Tesla Motors, Inc.

Elon Musk will receive the Chairman's Award from Alliance Honorary Chair Senator Mark Warner (D-VA.) in recognition of his innovative products and designs at Tesla, SpaceX and SolarCity that are leading to a more sustainable energy economy.

Elon Musk is the CEO of Tesla Motors, Inc. and Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX). At Tesla, Elon has overseen product development and design from the beginning, including the all-electric Tesla Roadster, Model S and Model X. Transitioning to a sustainable energy economy, in which electric vehicles play a pivotal role, has been one of his central interests for almost two decades. Tesla electric technology is working to drive energy efficiency. For example, the Model S powertrain uses energy three times more efficiently than a gas-burning engine.

At SpaceX, Elon is the CEO and chief designer, overseeing development of rockets and spacecraft for missions to Earth orbit and ultimately to other planets. In 2008, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket and Dragon spacecraft won the NASA contract to provide a commercial replacement for the cargo transport function of the Space Shuttle, which retired in 2011.

In addition, Elon is the non-executive chairman and principal shareholder of SolarCity, which he helped create. SolarCity is now the leading provider of solar power systems in the United States and is making clean energy available at a lower cost than energy generated by burning fossil fuels. Elon's leadership and commitment to energy efficiency and clean energy is creating innovative technologies and business models that are shaping our energy future.



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