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Summary	<p>U.S. venture investments in clean-technology totaled \$961.7 million in Q2 of 2008, increased by 83% over the investments made in Q2 of 2007. The investments have been made in markets from “fuels to electricity to storage to efficiency to water treatment.” Though investments into the clean technology markets fluctuate with the price of commodities (e.g., oil prices), it is expected these investments will continue to grow with the rising global demand for energy.</p> <p>One of the biggest clean-tech ventures, based in Oakland, California, was BrightSource Energy, raising \$115 million in a deal to develop solar power plants for PG&E. Additionally, four other Bay Area companies have raised a large amount of venture capital for their clean-tech ambitions, ranging from \$12 to \$50 million. Though a majority of clean-tech companies are small, more corporations will start to invest and acquire them because of the importance of clean technology.</p>
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