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E2: West Coast States, Cities Leading the Way on Policies that Grow Economy, Protect Environment

SAN FRANCISCO (June 1, 2016) – Bob Keefe, executive director of the national nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2), today made the following statement upon the [announcement](#) that leaders from California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia – along with mayors from Los Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Seattle, Oakland and Vancouver – have entered into the Pacific North America Climate Leadership Agreement to cut greenhouse gas emissions and expand the clean energy economy.

“This agreement puts forward a strong vision to advance innovation and job growth in renewable energy, in energy efficiency and in electric vehicles. By putting this vision into action, consumers, businesses and society as a whole will reap the bottom-line benefits for decades to come.

“The West continues to be the best when it comes to smart policies that help both the economy and the environment.”

Background:

- The agreement encompasses a region with 53 million people and a combined GDP of \$2.8 trillion. It outlines areas of cooperation including energy efficiency, electric vehicles, food, and renewable energy.
- Specific provisions of the agreement include: benchmarking energy data reporting for large buildings, developing a Pacific Coast electric vehicle charging network from Southern California to British Columbia, and reducing carbon emissions from [food waste](#).
- The announcement was made at the “subnational” portion of this week’s Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM 7) in San Francisco, where energy ministers and other high-level delegates from around the world are gathering in a follow-up to the historic Paris climate agreement late last year.

- In March, E2 released [Clean Jobs America](#), a comprehensive report showing 2.5 million jobs across America's growing clean energy sector. The vast majority of those jobs – some 1.9 million – are in the energy efficiency sector. Another 414,000 are in renewables, while 170,000 Americans work in advanced vehicles, including 55,000 in electric vehicles alone.

To arrange interviews with Keefe or with business leaders in your state who advocate for strong clean energy policies, please contact E2 press secretary Jeff Benzak at jeff@e2.org or 202-513-6248.

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