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Report: More than 31,000 Clean Energy Jobs in Nevada

Top 5 Counties: Clark, Washoe, Carson City, Elko, Douglas; 9.5 Percent Statewide Growth Rate; Authors Available to Discuss Report with Media at National Clean Energy Summit

LAS VEGAS (October 12, 2017) – More than 31,000 people work in Nevada’s clean energy economy, according to the new Clean Jobs Nevada report unveiled today by the national, nonpartisan business group E2 (Environmental Entrepreneurs) and Las Vegas-based Clean Energy Project.

The report – available at www.e2.org/cleanjobsnv – was released in connection with the Clean Energy Project’s 2017 National Clean Energy Summit at the Bellagio Resort and Casino. More information about the Summit can be found at www.cleanenergysummit.org.

Report authors will be on site at the Summit to discuss the findings in person with credentialed media. Authors can discuss which industries have the most clean energy jobs, how Nevada compares to other states around the country, and which policies lawmakers at the state and federal levels can enact in order to ensure Nevada remains a national clean energy leader.

The report shows a 9.5 percent growth rate in Nevada’s clean energy jobs from a year earlier, far outpacing the state’s overall job growth rate. The dominant sector in clean energy is energy efficiency, with about 16,000 jobs, or more than half of all the clean energy jobs in the state.

“Our report shows that Nevada’s commitment to developing its clean energy resources is creating jobs and driving economic growth,” said Karen Wayland, CEP’s executive director. **“We’ll continue to see more clean energy jobs in the state if we get the right policies in place to unleash the full potential of Nevada’s sun, geothermal and efficiency resources.”**

According to the report, state and federal policymakers can take several steps if they want to help ensure Nevada’s clean energy economy keeps growing, including:

- If voters approve Energy Choice in 2018, Nevada should ensure that all electricity retailers in the market get a minimum amount of their electricity from renewable sources, and that a designated entity is empowered and funded to run energy efficiency

programs.

- Lawmakers should implement Nevada Senate Bill 150 and Assembly Bill 223 in a manner that requires electric utilities to run robust energy efficiency programs, including programs targeted to low-income customers.
- Using Senate Bill 145, Nevada should implement the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program, encourage EV infrastructure in critical market segments like multifamily residential and workplaces, ensure that electricity rates encourage customers to charge EVs at optimal times and consider EV rebates.
- Nevada’s federal representatives should block extreme, innovation-crushing cuts slated for the U.S. Department of Energy.

The report shows there are clean energy jobs in every legislative and congressional district in the state, offering more evidence that clean energy is a bipartisan issue that benefits both urban and rural Nevadans. The report also ranks the top 5 counties for clean energy jobs:

RANK	COUNTY	CLEAN ENERGY EMPLOYMENT
1	Clark County	20,900
2	Washoe County	6,100
3	Carson City	1,400
4	Elko County	900
5	Douglas County	800

“With 31,000 jobs and a nearly 10 percent growth rate, the clean energy industry is a clear winner for Nevada,” said E2 executive director Bob Keefe. **“And clean energy is not just helping the state’s economy, it’s helping its environment.**

“State and federal lawmakers have a choice: Keep Nevada growing as a national leader in clean energy with smart policies that support renewable energy, energy efficiency and electric vehicles, or lose out to neighboring states and the rest of the world,” Keefe said.

Social media graphics are available at www.e2.org/cleanjobsnv.

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companies, created more than 600,000 jobs, and manage more than \$100 billion in venture and private equity capital. For more information, see www.e2.org or follow us on Twitter at [@e2org](https://twitter.com/e2org).

Clean Energy Project, Inc. (CEP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to powering the clean energy economy through education and engagement with policy leaders, community leaders and citizens on the benefits of fully developing a clean energy economy. The goal of CEP is to grow the clean energy economy and create jobs in Nevada and the West through policy development. CEP compiles and promotes the economic benefits of investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy through public education events, outreach and media. We do this by partnering with businesses and business focused organizations, federal, state and local government, and community organizations. CEP focuses on the “business of clean energy” and is a technology neutral organization. For more information, see www.cleanenergyprojectnv.org.