



## Strengthening the Clean Energy Economy in Maine: An Overview of the Clean Energy Partnership Program

**Maine's clean energy workforce is strong, economically resilient, and growing.**

Maine's clean energy economy supports almost 14,000 jobs, with a goal to grow the sector to 30,000 jobs by 2030. The Clean Energy Partnership supports this goal by coordinating State agencies, training/educational institutions, and industry, to grow the clean energy economy, equip workers with relevant skills, and advance clean energy and climate technology innovation in Maine.

With \$6.5 million in funding from the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, the Governor's Energy Office will provide funding and support for the clean energy and energy efficiency industry, so that Maine's workforce is prepared for the diverse and rewarding jobs offered by the growing clean energy economy.

**Workforce development and training are essential to match clean energy employers with qualified candidates.**

Federal and State investments are creating unprecedented demand for workers in existing and emerging career fields such as engineering and the construction trades, solar installation, offshore wind, and advanced wood-products manufacturing. At the same time, companies in these fields have reported difficulty finding employees with the right qualifications.

Respondents to the [Maine Clean Energy Economy Workforce Survey](#) reported experiencing the following workforce challenges:

- A lack of workforce with necessary skills within the state
- A lack of workforce seeking relevant employment opportunities
- A lack of industry-focused training and educational programs within the state



**Aiding the clean energy sector's recovery from the pandemic:**

- **\$2.9 Million** in funding for workforce development programs
- **\$2.5 Million** in support for clean energy businesses and sector innovation

**+1,500 JOBS**

Maine's clean energy sector grew by 11% from 2016-2019, outpacing the broader economy.

**8,000 WORKERS**

The energy efficiency industry employs the majority of clean energy workers in the state.

**51% OF JOBS**

Half of all workers in Maine's clean energy economy are employed by construction firms.