

Maine Climate Council
Energy Working Group – Clean Energy Economy Subgroup

February 19, 2020, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Burton Cross Building, Third Floor, Room 300
111 Sewall Street, Augusta, Maine 04330

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Agenda

Goals: Introductions, Overview of Current Efforts, Discussion of Scope of Subgroup, Potential Opportunities and Next Steps

10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

10:10 a.m. Updates

- a. Review of Statutory Language (Maine Climate Council)
- b. 10 Year Economic Development Strategy – Plan
- c. Executive Order #10
 - i. GOPIF “shall coordinate the development of policies to...grow the clean energy economy in Maine”
- d. Workforce: Renewable Energy (Offshore Wind, Solar), Energy Efficiency
- e. Department of Labor – Green Jobs Categories
- f. US Climate Alliance Jobs Report

10:20 a.m. Potential Opportunities

- a. Industry
- b. Workforce
- c. Innovation

10:30 a.m. Discussion

11:45 a.m. Wrap Up and Next Steps

Next Clean Energy Economy Subgroup Meeting

TBD

Next Energy Working Group Meeting

February 28, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

Bowdoin College, 255 Main Street, Brunswick, ME

For more information about this and past meetings, check the Maine Climate Council website at
<https://www.maine.gov/future/initiatives/climate/climate-council>

In addition, below are some resources related to this topic that may be helpful for discussion.

- [2019 U.S. Energy and Employment Report](#)
- E2 & E4F Report of Energy Efficiency Jobs
 - o [Overall](#)
 - o [Maine Only](#)
- [ACEEE Cities and Clean Energy Workforce Development](#)

Maine Climate Council Legislation

Clean Energy Economy Transition Plan:

The updated climate action plan under subsection 1 must include a clean energy economy transition plan that, as applicable, incorporates feedback from the Maine Climate Council working groups established under section 577-A, subsection 7 and which may incorporate feedback from other entities with expertise in education, training, apprenticeships, workforce and labor. The clean energy economy transition plan under this subsection must:

- A. Include opportunities for and address barriers to advancing the State's clean energy economy;
- B. Highlight strategies for the State's rural communities, workers and businesses as the State transitions to a low-carbon future that are designed to encourage good-paying jobs and long-term employment; and
- C. Identify policy recommendations; opportunities for public-private partnerships; workforce development and educational opportunities, including opportunities for training and retraining workers and the development of apprenticeship programs; and other strategies necessary to the creation of clean energy jobs and a robust clean energy economy in the State.

And....

E. Ensuring that the State's transition to a clean energy economy benefits all residents of the State fairly and equitably, with particular consideration given to sources of employment, income levels and historical experience. Development of mitigation and adaptation strategies must include consideration of how low-income residents of the State and residents of the State who are members of vulnerable communities will be affected by climate change and by the transition to a clean energy economy and how programs and incentives to address such effects can be designed to be accessible to all residents of the State regardless of income level, age, race or geographic location;

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