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## Business Leaders to Take Part in Action-Oriented Clean Energy Ministerial in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA – As energy ministers from 24 nations and clean energy business leaders gather today at the opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM7) in San Francisco, California, BCSE President Lisa Jacobson offered the following statement:

"The timing of 7<sup>th</sup> Clean Energy Ministerial and its focus on high-impact, real-world action is right on the mark. The global community is beginning the era of implementation of the Paris Agreement which, along with national climate change plans, will drive investments into more efficient and low carbon energy sources and infrastructure.

"This clean energy transformation is already well underway in the United States, as documented in our 2016 <u>Sustainable Energy in America Factbook</u>. American clean energy companies – from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors – have the expertise, technology solutions and innovative business models that can help countries get on the path to affordable, reliable and low carbon energy.

"The importance of this international gathering at the CEM7 is that it allows for the strategic dialogue and cooperation both between governments and with the private sector that is needed to re-direct energy investments onto a more sustainable pathway."

BCSE members the Alliance to Save Energy, EnerNOC, First Solar, Ingersoll Rand, Johnson Controls, PG&E Corporation, Philips Lighting, and Schneider Electric will participate in the two-day Ministerial. Events will include a Startup and Solutions Showcase in Union Square and a clean energy action day on June 2, where energy ministers and business leaders will highlight ambitious clean energy efforts and announce new actions to help achieve national and global clean energy goals. The Business Council for Sustainable Energy is pleased to be a supporting organization and member of the CEM7 Host Committee.

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: <a href="www.bcse.org">www.bcse.org</a> and download Sustainable Energy in America Factbook 2016 edition for the latest industry information.