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BCSE Statement on U.S. Energy and Employment Report

Clean Energy Industries Show Strong Employment Figures, Support over 3 Million U.S. Jobs

Washington, DC – Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) President Lisa Jacobson made the following statement about the U.S. Energy and Employment Report released earlier today:

“The Business Council for Sustainable Energy commends the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and the Energy Futures Initiative for carrying forward this important assessment of employment in the energy sector. The report is valuable because it is a resource that tracks employment in the energy sector, which is a critical component of the U.S. economy.

“This year’s U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER) affirms the fact that these clean energy sectors – energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy – are the growth sectors of the American economy, supporting over 3 million jobs across the country.

“By taking a close look at the USEER and overlaying the lenses of current policy discussions on tax, grid modernization, resilience, infrastructure and energy innovation, we can see even greater untapped potential. Strengthening policy certainty and encouraging investments in clean energy will increase the number of jobs these sectors provide and broaden the reach of economic benefits to households across the country.”

Highlights of the report include:

- The energy efficiency sector now employs 2.25 million Americans and added 67,000 new jobs – or 50 percent of total new jobs in the energy sector – in 2017.
- Natural gas sector employment numbers are also rising, adding 19,000 new jobs in 2017.
- Combined heat and power, which represents 8.5 percent of U.S. generation, doubled its jobs numbers in 2017.
- In renewable energy, the wind industry increased its workforce by 6 percent, adding 107,000 jobs; the solar industry employed 350,000 Americans; and the bio-energy sector experienced the fastest growth, increasing its employment by 55 percent to over 4,000 workers in 2017.

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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. 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: www.bcse.org and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2018 edition for the latest industry information.