



President Biden's Bold Infrastructure Plan Supports Many of the

States' Energy Infrastructure, Workforce, Renewable Energy, and Efficiency Priorities

Washington, DC, April 1, 2021 – The Biden Administration released a \$2 trillion Jobs Plan covering a wide range of energy, transportation, building, broadband, port, rail, and other infrastructure sectors, as well as workforce development. The plan's emphasis is on investing in infrastructure in ways that address clean energy, climate, technology innovation, American jobs, and rebuilding US energy supply chain industries. Of particular interest to NASEO members is the call for electric grid modernization and resilience; electric vehicle infrastructure; energy retrofit of two million low-income homes and buildings; port and transit investments; retrofit and modernization of state and local public facilities and schools; investment in clean energy and climate technology research and innovation; and support for carbon capture, advanced nuclear, hydrogen and other emerging clean energy options.

President Biden's American Jobs Plan brings historic focus to the critical need for federal-state-industry clean energy partnerships. The President's proposal for infrastructure legislation that delivers needed economic development and job creation through a range of clean energy infrastructure investments will deliver tremendous benefits over time through more US-based manufacturing, higher-paying jobs, a more resilient energy sector, and greatly reduced greenhouse gas emissions. States are delivering impactful energy efficiency and clean energy solutions every day, and increased federal investments and public-private partnership programs will accelerate their progress. "NASEO strongly supports the goals of the President's plan and the energy elements that address clean energy and climate, workforce training, private-sector investment in innovation and manufacturing, equity, rural energy opportunities, and energy infrastructure, building, and mission critical facility efficiency and resilience" said NASEO Executive Director David Terry.

Top State Energy Office priorities in such areas as electric vehicle infrastructure; offshore wind; building energy efficiency; transmission and grid modernization; carbon capture, utilization and sequestration; hydrogen; water power; solar; and storage can be supported through the plan. NASEO will work on a bipartisan basis with the Biden Administration and Congress to ensure that resources provided to states retain flexibility and allow states to meet shared state-federal goals in ways that best address state-specific needs and opportunities. Many of the elements of this proposal can be implemented through the existing U.S. State Energy Program, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program.

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