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2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report



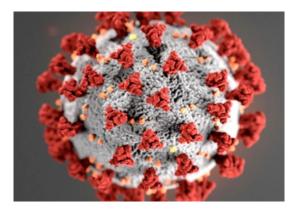
NASEO, EFI Release the 2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) and Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) recently published the 2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report (USEER), the fifth annual in-depth survey of the U.S. labor force and skills trends in five energy sectors across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.



NASEO Releases Webpages on Energy Technology Innovation and Solar Soft Costs

NASEO's website now includes webpages on Energy Technology Innovation and Solar Soft Costs. The <u>Innovation webpages</u> includes information and resources to guide states in advancing economic development programs, while the <u>Solar pages</u> highlight strategies for states to address "soft costs," or the nonhardware costs associated with new solar energy projects.



NASEO Provides Updates to COVID-19 Resources and Energy Sector Pandemic Analysis Webpages

NASEO continues to provide updates to our <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources and Support</u> for State Energy Offices, as well as our <u>Energy</u> <u>Sector Pandemic Analysis and News Round-Up</u>. Check back for the latest information, as both pages are updated regularly.



Utah Energy Workforce Scholarship to Advance STEM

The Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development is pleased to partner with Chevron to offer \$30,000 in funding to advance STEM education through the Utah Energy Workforce Scholarship Program.



Texas SECO Supports Watt Watchers Program in San Antonio

Watt Watchers of Texas- a program supported by the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) - enabled CPS Energy, the San Antonio municipal utility, to distribute timely energy savings resources to residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Virginia's Governor Northam Signs Multiple Clean Energy Bills into Law

On April 12, 2020, Governor Northamsigned two signature energy bills into law: the Virginia Clean Economy Act (HB 1526/SB 851) and revisions to the Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act (HB981/SB 1027).



EPA Releases 2019 State Fact Sheets and 2020 List of Top Cities with ENERGY STAR® Certified Buildings

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2019 State Fact Sheets and 2020 list of U.S. metropolitan areas with the most ENERGY STAR certified buildings were recently released.



Better Buildings Summit Going Virtual

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced that the 2020 Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit is transitioning to a virtual leadership symposium to be held during June 8-11, 2020. The virtual leadership symposium will feature webinars and peer exchanges addressing building operations, workforce challenges, and resilience.

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Pearl Certification Joins as NASEO's Newest Affiliate Member

NASEO is pleased to announce its newest Affiliate member, Pearl Certification. Pearl is a national firm that provides third-party certification of high-performing homes: homes that are healthy, comfortable, resilient, and energy efficient. Pearl's certification drives demand for these improvements by capturing their value for resale and appraisal.



MORE NEWS AND UPDATES

Upcoming NASEO Meetings

NASEO State Energy Director Training: July 13-17, 2020 - Washington, DC (*participation in training is by invitation only*)

NASEO Summer Board of Directors Meeting: July 22-23, 2020 - Arlington, VA

NARUC-NASEO Task Force on Comprehensive Electricity Planning Workshop 3: September

14-16, 2020 - location, pending (participation in workshop is by invitation only)

2020 NASEO Annual Meeting: October 5-8, 2020 - Portland, ME

NASEO Annual Meeting Board of Directors Meeting: October 5, 2020 - Portland, ME

2021 NASEO Energy Policy Outlook Conference: February 2-5, 2021 - Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC

Upcoming NASEO Conference Calls and Webinars

NASEO Government Affairs Committee Call: April 23, 2020, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET

NASEO's Electricity Committee Webinar on the SolarAPP Platform to Streamline Permitting Processes: April 28, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET

NASEO's Rural Energy Task Force - 2020 Webinar Series: April 15-September 17, 2020

NASEO's Transportation Committee - 2020 Webinar Series: May 21-November 17, 2020

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