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## E2 Report: Nearly 10,500 Clean Energy Jobs Announced Across U.S. in Second Quarter

*Top 10 States: TX, NV, CA, UT, NC, KS, AR, CO, VA, NE; Solar the Top Sector; MI Falls off List; Clean Power Plan Expected to Drive Future Job Growth*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 3, 2015) – The national nonpartisan business group Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) today released its latest quarterly clean energy jobs report showing that nearly 10,500 clean energy and clean transportation jobs were announced nationwide between April and June.

The jobs were announced at nearly 40 projects across 22 states. The total jobs number for Q2 is slightly higher than the first quarter of the year, but lower than the corresponding quarter last year. Partly due to declining materials costs, solar was once again the top sector with nearly 6,500 announced jobs. Nearly 2,800 jobs were announced in the wind industry, 450 in advanced vehicles, and almost 200 in the advanced biofuels industry.

The report is available [here](#) and at [www.cleanenergyworksforus.org](http://www.cleanenergyworksforus.org). It comes ahead of the Labor Day weekend and on the heels of President Obama's three-week, cross-country trip to highlight the dangers of – and solutions to – climate change.

**“States across the country are realizing that clean energy doesn't just mean clean air and water – it also means good-paying jobs,”** said Bob Keefe, E2's executive director. **“The sun doesn't just shine on Texas, and California doesn't have a monopoly on energy efficiency. With the federal Clean Power Plan as a road map, there's no reason every state in America shouldn't be adding more clean energy – and the jobs that come with it.”**

Texas was the top state with more than 2,160 jobs, most of which were tied to solar and wind projects. Meanwhile, all of No. 2 Nevada's 1,900 jobs were part of the new Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone, which is one of 19 carefully sited zones on public lands in the West with expedited permitting processes. California (1,200 jobs), Utah (800), North Carolina (700), Kansas (462), Arkansas (420), Colorado (400), Virginia (400) and Nebraska (365) rounded out the Top 10.

Notably, Midwest stalwart Michigan – which has been in the Top 10 eight times since E2 began publishing quarterly clean energy job reports in 2012 – fell from the top tier in the second quarter. The report attributes this sputter to ongoing policy uncertainty as lawmakers there threaten to roll back successful state-level renewable energy standards.

However, earlier this week Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder directed his administration to develop a state plan to meet the federal Clean Power Plan, which will lower carbon emissions from power plants by about 32 percent nationwide in part by increasing renewable energy and energy efficiency. In turn, states like Michigan that take action to meet the plan can be expected to create more jobs and drive economic growth, the report notes. For E2's press release in Michigan earlier this week, see [here](#).

The report highlights several projects across the country, including two wind farms in Colorado that combined will generate enough electricity to power 99,000 homes and create 400 jobs.

**“As a business owner who has developed utility-scale wind projects throughout Colorado, I’m not at all surprised that our state ranks near the top of the list in clean energy jobs,”** said Boulder-based Michael Rucker, president of the wind energy company Harvest Energy Services. **“We have smart state policies already on the books, a governor who understands the importance of clean energy to our economy and environment, and a growing, well-trained clean energy workforce.”**

The report also features case studies of two companies: Pennsylvania-based Community Energy – which in Q2 announced that it's helping build an 80MW solar farm in Accomack County on Virginia's Eastern Shore as a result of a deal with Amazon Web Services – and Georgia-based Hannah Solar.

To interview E2 executive director Bob Keefe or E2 members who are active in the business community in your region, please reach out to the contacts listed at the top of this press release.

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