

Report: Energy industry could generate 37 million jobs

Jan. 16 -- The renewable energy and energy efficiency industries could generate as much as 37 million jobs by 2030, according to a new report.

In 2007, the industries represented more than 9 million jobs and more than \$1 trillion in U.S. revenue, according to the "Green Collar Jobs" report released, Jan. 15, by the American Solar Energy Society and Management Information Services Inc., a Washington economic research firm.

The report, which can be downloaded free at www.ases.org/greenjobs, analyzes the job opportunities in each sector of the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries.

States and federal policymakers need to take key steps to achieve the maximum impact, said Brad Collins, executive director of ASES. They include a national renewable portfolio standard, long-term extension of the production tax credit, effective net metering policies and improvement in the electric transmission infrastructure.

The advanced scenario in the report, which represents the upper limit of what is technologically and economically feasible, estimates 37 million jobs and \$4.3 trillion in annual revenue could be created by 2030. Under a business as usual scenario, the industries will represent 16 million jobs and \$2 trillion in annual revenue by 2030, according to the report.

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