An In-Depth Look at Clean Energy Employment in Illinois

Clean Jobs Illinois is the first comprehensive survey of Illinois’ clean energy industry. BW Research Partnership, a national leader in workforce and economic development research, conducted the survey of 415 Illinois clean energy businesses between October and November 2013. Key survey findings include:

+ Illinois’ clean energy industry employs **96,875 WORKERS**. The state’s clean energy workforce is large enough to fill Soldier Field one and a half times over.

+ The clean energy industry is projected to **GROW BY 9%** in 2014. At this rate, Illinois will add its 100,000th clean energy worker this year.

+ **ENERGY EFFICIENCY** is the primary focus of 62% of Illinois clean energy businesses. Other sectors include renewable energy (21%), alternative transportation (5%), greenhouse gas management (1%) and “other” (12%).

+ A number of clean energy sectors experienced **RAPID EMPLOYMENT GROWTH** in 2013. Alternative transportation grew by 21%, greenhouse gas management grew by 5% and energy efficiency grew by 3%.

+ **POLICY HEADWINDS** in 2013 held back other sectors, especially renewable energy companies and the businesses that support them. Clean energy firms cited maintaining a strong Renewable Portfolio Standard as the top area of importance for growing their business.

+ Illinois is well positioned to **LEAD ON CLEAN ENERGY**. Quality of life, proximity to customers and access to a skilled and educated workforce were top reasons businesses chose to locate in Illinois.

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