

# Clean Energy and Economic Development Initiative

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This is a cross-agency industry focused project to develop a strategic action plan to align state economic development and clean energy development strategic and policies. This project is bringing together state agency leaders, policy leaders, industry stakeholder and national experts in pursuit of the following objectives:

- Work closely with industry and policy leaders to develop a comprehensive strategic action plan that will clearly define the State's clean energy and economic development priorities going forward.
- Identify opportunities to (1) align state economic development and clean energy development strategies and policies (2) leverage resources across state and local government and (3) remove policy and program barriers and silos.
- Identify clean energy industry sectors with greatest market potential and identify the emerging opportunities and challenges these industries face in the near and long-term.

## Key Participants

Governor Dayton has invited talented, motivated and dedicated leaders to serve on both the core and expanded teams. Team members share a commitment to clean energy and economic development issues. Each member serving on the team offers authority and leadership skills needed to influence policy at the highest level.

## Core Team

- Robing Sternberg, Deputy Commissioner , Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Ellen Anderson, Director, University of Minnesota Energy Transitions Lab
- Bill Grant, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources. (co-chair)
- Melissa Hortman, State Representative and Chair, House Energy Policy Committee
- Will Seuffert, Executive Director, Environmental Quality Board

## National Governor's Association & Expert Consultants

- Mary Jo Waits, National Governor's Association
- Tom Plant, Vice President, State Policy, Advanced Energy Economy
- Jeff Lyng, Senior Policy Advisor, Center for the New Energy Economy
- Dan Radomski, Vice President, Venture & Industry Development, NextEnergy

## Expanded Team

Ben Fowke, Chairmen, CEO & President, Xcel Energy, Inc.  
Nancy Lange, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission  
Katie Clark Sieben, Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development  
Dave Frederickson, Commissioner, Dept of Agriculture  
Matt Entenza, Senior Advisor to the Governor  
Ben Fowke, Chairmen, CEO & President, Xcel Energy, Inc.  
Bill Blazar, Senior VP, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Sherry Ristau, CEO, Southwest Initiative Foundation  
Michael Noble, Executive Director, Fresh Energy  
Sheldon Strom, President, Center for Energy and Environment  
David Saggau, CEO, Great River Energy  
Pete Aube, Plant Manager, Potlatch Lumber Mills

Tracy Anderson, Director of Renewable Energy Solutions, 3M (Ret.)  
Cheryl Hills, Director, Region 5 Development Commission  
Steve Kelley, Senior Fellow, Humphrey School  
Dave McMillan, Senior VP of External Affairs, MN Power  
Beth Soholt, Executive Director, Wind on the Wires  
Ken Smith, President/CEO, District Energy  
Pete Klein, Vice President of Finance, Saint Paul Port Authority  
Bill Faulkner, Managing Principle, Red Oak Holdings  
Lynn Hinkle, Dir., Policy Development, MN Solar Energy Industries Association  
Bruce Peterson, Executive Dean for Academic Initiatives, St. Cloud Technical and Community College  
Teresa Spaeth, Executive Director, AURI

## Key Stakeholders

GreaterMSP Partnership  
Bio Business Alliance of Minnesota-  
Regional Development Commissions  
Biofuels Task Force  
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute  
Minnesota Forest Industries  
Great Plains Institute  
MN Energy Workforce Consortium  
Minnesota Clean Tech Open  
Center Point Energy  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Department of Natural Resources  
Climate Adaptation Team  
Minnesota Electric Auto Association  
Defense Alliance  
Natural Resources Rehabilitation Institute- University of Minnesota.  
BlueGreen Alliance  
Fresh Energy  
Corn Growers Association  
Minnesota Power  
Great River Energy

