

Briefing Notice

State Clean Energy Innovations and the Value of Federal-State Partnerships

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 3:00 – 4:30 PM 562 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) and the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) invite you to a briefing about energy innovations at the state level. The briefing will investigate the significant role states are playing by implementing novel policies and effective approaches that reduce the cost of generating clean energy. Many state governments view clean energy as a foundation of their environmental *and* economic development strategies and have taken leadership roles in demonstrating the business case for renewable energy initiatives.

The briefing will discuss the role and value of federal-state partnerships on innovative clean energy investments and provide state-specific examples. This is a chance to hear first-hand from officials implementing new approaches for clean energy projects across the county. Speakers for the forum include:

- Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)
- Sara Fisher-Goad, Executive Director, Alaska Energy Authority
- Andrew McAllister, Commissioner, California Energy Commission
- Bryan Garcia, President and CEO, Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority
- Andy Brydges, Senior Director, Renewable Energy Generation, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center
- Anne Eisele, Chief of Staff, Maryland Energy Administration
- Lewis Milford, Founder, CESA; President, Clean Energy Group

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have a public benefit fund to support research and deployment of renewable energy and/or energy efficiency technologies. The public benefit funds are usually collected through small fees on consumers' utility bills or by direct contributions from utilities. CESA is a national nonprofit organization that works with many state and municipal clean energy public benefit funds to support clean energy deployment and markets. Since 1998, CESA members as a group have invested over \$3.4 billion and have leveraged an additional \$12.5 billion to support renewable energy projects.

This event is free and open to the public.

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