

The Clean Energy Economy District of Columbia

The nation's capital has a small but fast-growing piece of America's clean energy

economy. In fact, the District of Columbia joins seven states that experienced a drop in total job growth but an increase in job growth in the clean energy economy between 1998 and 2007. The city has experienced growth in all categories of the clean energy economy and attracted nearly \$90 million in venture capital in the past three years, all in the clean energy generation sector. Through Mayor Adrian Fenty's Green Collar Jobs Initiative, the District is working with partner organizations to train residents for opportunities in environmental construction and development. The 2006 Green Building Act increased demand in these fields through a requirement that all new commercial buildings be LEED certified.¹

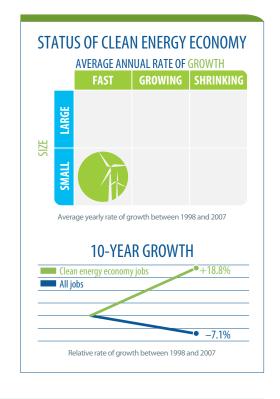
BY THE NUMBERS, THE CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY:

Jobs (2007): 5,325

Businesses (2007): 280

Venture Capital Funds (2006-2008)*: \$89,877,117

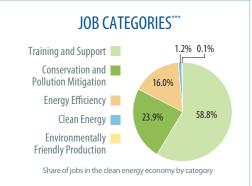
Patents (1999-2008): 9



FXAMPLES OF COMPANIES:**

Solena Group, *Washington*, *D.C.* (Environmentally Friendly Production): designs and manufactures biofuel energy production technologies

U.S. Green Building Council, *Washington*, *D.C.* (Training and Support): member-based organization that supports and certifies green buildings across the United States



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