



# NORTH DAKOTA

## Businesses Know That Economic and Job Growth Starts with Policy

In lieu of federal energy policy, states are enacting policies that create jobs and attract private investment in the clean energy economy. State-level clean energy policies are as varied as the states themselves, but all have common goals—spurring economic and job growth while improving energy security and the environment. Federal policies that build upon the proven successes at the state and regional levels will help expand North Dakota businesses and create opportunities in the clean energy economy across the United States.

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**RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD (RES)**

An RES requires utilities to generate a certain percentage of power (based on electricity sales or generating capacity) from renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal.



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE STANDARD (EERS)**

An EERS reduces electricity and gas consumption by requiring utilities to achieve energy savings through supply- and/or demand-side efficiency measures. An EERS specifies reductions for energy use, peak demand or both.



**DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Direct loan programs provide low- or zero-interest financing for renewable energy.



**TAX CREDITS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Tax credits generally apply to commercial and industrial sectors, reducing the amount of annual taxes owed to the government. Generally, taxes are reduced by a specified percentage of a renewable energy project's value, based on investment or production.

Federal tax credits are not permanent and subject to regular reapproval by Congress



“Our company has seen strong growth in the geothermal market, and undoubtedly, incentives and utility rebates have played a big part in that growth. We feel continued incentives and sound energy policy is vital to continuing the growth, providing good jobs, and helping to educate consumers about more efficient energy alternatives.”

**Randy Mathern**  
President  
Comfort Zone Heating and Air  
Bismarck, N.D.





"The United States should pass comprehensive energy and climate legislation that will lessen our dependence on foreign sources of oil and reduce greenhouse gases by putting a price on carbon. These policies are vital to stimulating investment and creating market certainty for the development of building and energy technologies that will decrease energy consumption and carbon emissions."

**David Shultz**  
President  
Shultz & Associates  
Fargo, N.D.

"A national policy for feed-in tariffs and net energy billing are critical to developing low cost and effective renewable energy throughout the United States."

**Joel Bleth**  
President  
SolarBee, Inc.  
Dickinson, N.D.



**PLEASE JOIN THESE NORTH DAKOTANS AND THEIR BUSINESSES IN ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT A STRONG CLEAN ENERGY POLICY FRAMEWORK.**

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- Enroll your business in our Clean Energy Business Network to receive updates on relevant policies and gain access to our list of resources designed to help you make the most of the growing clean energy economy.
- Join Pew's advocates to receive occasional e-mails informing you of potential policies and how you can support them.



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