



Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E)

U.S. PROGRAM FACT SHEET

The U.S. Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E) program is an effort to advance the careers and leadership of professional women in the field of clean energy. It is led by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in strong partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Energy Initiative. This program delivers on the U.S. commitment to C3E, which was launched by nine governments at the first Clean Energy Ministerial in July 2010 in recognition of the fact that the ideas and talents of all members of society are essential to meeting the clean energy challenges of the future. Australia, Denmark, Mexico, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States each committed to undertake meaningful activities to advance women in clean energy and close the gender gap in their own national contexts and link their efforts whenever possible.

The U.S. C3E program has three components:

1. **AMBASSADORS:** The C3E Ambassadors are a group of more than 20 distinguished senior professionals who share an interest in broadening the recruitment, retention, and advancement of highly qualified women in the field and are committed to championing the initiative's success as spokeswomen and mentors. Ambassadors serve as mentors and also as a nomination review panel for the recognition program outlined below. The inaugural group of Ambassadors can be found at the end of this release.
2. **AWARDS:** The 2012 C3E Awards program will be administered by MIT. The Awards will recognize individuals who advance the mid-career leadership and accomplishments of women in clean energy. Awards will come with a cash prize of \$10,000. Nominations will be accepted in several clean energy-related categories, including innovation and technology development, entrepreneurship and innovative business models, corporate implementation, policy and advocacy, and advancements for the developing world. Nomination instructions will be available in coming weeks and the goal is to announce winners at the C3E Symposium.
3. **SYMPOSIUM:** A C3E Symposium, hosted by the MIT Energy Initiative, will bring together Ambassadors, mid-career women, and others working in the field for a professional conference on 28 September 2012, with the aim of building a strong community of women in clean energy. Representatives from the C3E partner governments will be invited to attend. In addition to high-level keynote speakers, the symposium will feature small group sessions anchored by Ambassadors focusing on specific issues within clean energy. This is envisioned as an annual event.





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DOE is proud to announce the inaugural group of C3E Ambassadors, which will include:

Merribel Ayres

President, Lighthouse Consulting Group, LLC

Frances Beinecke

President, Natural Resources Defense Council

Jan Blittersdorf

President and Chief Executive Officer, NRG Systems, Inc.

Roberta B. Bowman

Senior Advisor, Duke Energy

Marilyn Brown

Professor, Ph.D., School of Public Policy, Georgia Tech University

Kateri Callahan

President, Alliance to Save Energy

Eileen Claussen

President, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Karen Conover

Vice President, DNV KEMA Energy & Sustainability

Christine Eibs Singer

Principal, United Nations - High Level Group - Sustainable Energy for All

Suedeen Kelly

Partner, Patton Boggs LLP

Melanie Kenderdine

Executive Director, MIT Energy Initiative

Bob Marlay

Deputy Director, Office of Climate Change Policy and Technology, Department of Energy

Jan McFarland

Principal, Fairhaven Institute

Rose McKinney-James

Managing Principal, Energy Works - Nevada

Charlotte Pera

Senior Vice President, Energy Foundation

Nancy Pfund

Founder and Managing Partner of DBL Investors

Dorothy Robyn

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Installations & Environment, Department of Defense

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Vice-President, National Academy of Engineering and member of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

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Senior Director, Economic Policy and Climate and Energy Policy, German Marshall Fund

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Executive Director, Energy and Climate, Energy Access Initiative, United Nations Foundation

Carter Wall

Director Performance Solar Division, Broadway Renewable Strategies

Alla Weinstein

President and Chief Executive Officer, Principle Power Inc.

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