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I-REN Announces Call for Applications for 2025–26 Energy Fellowship Program

I-REN is now accepting applications for the 2025–26 Energy Fellowship Program, a unique opportunity for local college students to gain hands-on experience and career development in the energy sector. In partnership with AmeriCorps, fellows will be placed in city and county agencies within the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley, contributing to real-world projects in energy efficiency, climate action, and data analysis.

The program offers extensive professional development through partnerships with leading industry organizations, including Esri, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), GRID Alternatives, and many more. Fellows will gain invaluable on-the-job training, networking opportunities, and pathway to kickstart a career in the energy field.

“The I-REN Fellowship is an excellent opportunity to gain professional experience. I’ve acquired invaluable knowledge while supporting energy efficiency projects in my community,” says Geena Vescial, an I-REN Energy Fellow with the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

The 11-month program starts in September, with rolling applications available. Fellows receive a \$34,000 living allowance, \$10,000 in educational awards, and professional training. Applicants must have a minimum of an associate’s degree and strong communication skills.

For more details, visit iren.gov/energy-fellowship. # # #

About I-REN

I-REN is a partnership between the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), and San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG), based on our shared belief in saving energy and increasing equity for residents, businesses, and local governments throughout the Inland Empire region. We connect local governments, the workforce, and other stakeholders to a wide range of energy efficiency resources to empower local communities and ensure a thriving future clean energy economy. For more information, please visit iren.gov.

We are a network of partners, including the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments, formed to serve the cities and communities of our region.

