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\$3 Million Investment Powers Clean Energy Career Opportunities for Inland Empire Residents

(**INLAND EMPIRE, CALIF.**, September 2, 2025) – Local leaders are making a major investment in the region's clean-energy workforce with the commitment of \$3 million to expand clean energy training and career programs in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) has finalized agreements with the Riverside and San Bernardino County Workforce Development Boards to deliver comprehensive career services in the clean energy sector for residents living in the Inland Empire.

The \$3 million investment will be split between the two counties – \$1.5 million for Riverside County and \$1.5 million for San Bernardino County – to train, certify, and connect unemployed residents and individual seeking to upskill into high-demand clean energy careers.

"This dual county partnership keeps our residents and community close to home," said Art Bishop, I-REN Executive Committee Chair and Mayor of Apple Valley. "Local clean energy training helps power the community we all love. It's about creating opportunities where we live.

Over the next two and a half years, the programs will provide over 100 participants with:

- Industry-recognized clean energy certifications
- Hands-on training and job placement assistance
- Full range of professional development services such as resume development, career coaching, and supportive resources to ensure successful long-term employment

"The Clean Energy Career Initiative is about more than training, it's about creating opportunities," said Jamil Dada, Riverside County Workforce Development Board Chairperson. "We're helping people gain the skills employers need right now, which in turn, helps those same people create a more stable future."

Career services will be delivered through each county's America's Job Center of California locations, leveraging local expertise to strengthen training pathways, improve job accessibility, and foster a resilient regional energy workforce.

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.



"Training programs give our residents the tools they need to build a better future, for themselves and for the generations to come," highlighted Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County Supervisor and I-REN Executive Committee Board Member.

The initiative directly supports the region's economic development goals while advancing California's statewide objectives.

For more information on career training opportunities through this partnership, visit www.iren.gov.

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The Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) connects local governments, the workforce, and other stakeholders to a wide range of energy efficiency resources. Our aim is to provide equitable access to all the benefits that energy efficiency offers, including cost savings, throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. I-REN is a California ratepayer funded Energy Efficiency Public Purpose Program administered under the authority of the California Public Utilities Commission.