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*Highlights:*

*City of Reno  
Board Approves  
the Energy  
Nevada  
Partnership  
Joinder*

## SUMMARY

ENERGY NEVADA PROJECT OVERVIEW: Because Nevada is rich in renewable energy resources, Nevadans have a unique opportunity to reduce energy costs and grow the economy while achieving energy independence. Energy Nevada helps Nevada's public jurisdictions and private companies accomplish these goals by creating public/private partnerships to develop energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. All the development responsibility for these projects is taken by Energy Nevada's private sector development partners. Working together, we can make Nevada a world class example of the new renewable energy economy.

IN THIS ISSUE of the Newsletter and Update to the Energy Nevada Partners we emphasize key developments including:

- o **City of Reno approves the Energy Nevada Partnership Joinder agreement.**
- o Windfarm site search ramps up.
- o MOU signed with another wind manufacturer for small-turbine efforts.
- o And additional updates on Partners, projects and press.

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## CITY OF RENO JOINS THE ENERGY NEVADA PARTNERSHIP

The Reno City Council voted to join the Energy Nevada program early in March. Energy Nevada is proud to have Reno participate in the growing group of northern Nevada cities, counties and public agencies allied to attract manufacturing jobs through renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. We will immediately begin assessing opportunities for energy efficiency and small power projects that reduce municipal energy costs for the City of Reno. We also anticipate that Reno's participation will add considerable momentum to the manufacturing recruitment effort and accelerate the establishment of large wind turbine and other renewables industry manufacturing in the region.

Reno's own press release:

<http://www.cityofreno.com/gov/news/1109190131.php>

Contact Energy Nevada with wind site development opportunities.

## WINDFARM SITE DEVELOPMENT RAMPS UP

To seed the first orders for the manufacturing plant, Energy Nevada is accelerating the development 100 MW of wind. We have multiple sites under consideration, but have not reached a final decision. Contact us with new information about wind sites with 40 to 100 MW capacity that meet the general criteria of having sufficient meteorological data (in hand, compiled for at least the last year), and other good windfarm characteristics.

## MOU COMPLETED WITH MANUFACTURER OF SMALL TURBINES

Energy Nevada has also completed an agreement with a manufacturer of small wind turbines to assist it with establishing a market and manufacturing in the region. More on these developments will be announced soon.

## DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER MANUFACTURERS INCLUDING A COMPOSITES MANUFACTURER

Composites manufacturing in northern Nevada would benefit both local job growth and the wind industry for manufacturing of blades. Energy Nevada has been in discussion with a major composites manufacturer for relocation to the area.

We also continue to pursue opportunities with companies in:

- **Tower fabrication and foundry:** Industrial infrastructure companies for the wind industry are also in conversation with Energy Nevada about relocating here. We are showing to them how the growth in the renewables market through the Energy Nevada local government partners benefits their business models.
- **Solar electronics components manufacturing:** The solar industry is poised to grow quickly in Nevada fueled by the solar rebates program (see [www.solargenerations.com](http://www.solargenerations.com)). Solar PV is growing worldwide at more than 30% per year. Energy Nevada is working with an electronics supplier to the solar industry that would produce equipment for the locally growing industry and the worldwide solar industry.
- **Energy efficiency equipment manufacturer:** Energy efficiency manufacturers are being recruited for the large scale energy efficiency projects through Energy Nevada.

## CARSON CITY BALL FIELD LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECT ADVANCES

Energy Nevada received the go-ahead from Carson City for the project to revamp the City's ball field lighting at Governor's Field for both efficiency and safety upgrades. As part of the same project we will complete an energy efficiency upgrade to the traffic signals city-wide. The combined projects will reduce energy and maintenance costs by tens of thousands of dollars per year. Most importantly, these operating cost savings will help underwrite the capital cost of projects, which in turn deliver important quality of life benefits to Carson City residents.

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## NEW ENERGY NEVADA EXPERTS

Energy Nevada is excited to have very capable new team experts adding their energies. As project momentum picks up, their contributions will be crucial.

- o Gregory Crew is bringing his finance and economics degrees and entrepreneur background to bear on the finance and business planning efforts.
- o Christian Cutul is using his engineering sciences and environmental consulting background in many areas, especially the windfarm site search.
- o Eric Frothingham, Esq., is providing legal and business planning advice.

More background for these and the other Energy Nevada team members is at [www.energynevada.com/about.html](http://www.energynevada.com/about.html).