



Clark County and the City of Vancouver: A New Energy Community
A Strategic Opportunity for Economic Development and
Environmental Leadership

Workshop for Key Community Leaders

Water Resources Education Center

4600 SE Columbia Way

Vancouver, WA

Thursday, October 20, 2011 8:00a-5:00p & Friday, October 21, 2011 9:00a-12:00p

Please Join Us! – No Charge – Meals Provided

September 23, 2011

Dear Clark County Community Leader:

We ask you to join us at a special, invitation-only workshop for business, civic, and municipal leaders that is designed to build a **shared strategy for making Clark County and the City of Vancouver regional and national leaders in the clean energy economy**. Clark County and the City of Vancouver have an opportunity to harness investment in clean energy technology and infrastructure today that will create jobs and build a solid foundation for our economy tomorrow.

Whether you are concerned about climate change, believe we should do our part to end America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil, or simply want to see smart economic development in Clark County and Vancouver, we can all agree that *now is the time to act*. We need to move *now* to stay ahead of the curve.

To do that, we need a bold vision - a vision shared by leaders across our community – political leaders, local government staff, utility providers, bankers, builders and contractors, labor, workforce development providers, planners, environmentalists, and more. This workshop is our chance to create that bold vision together!

To facilitate the workshop, we are partnering with Climate Solutions, a Northwest nonprofit organization whose mission is to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global climate change. Building on expertise in city-led program innovation, clean energy finance, public engagement, sustainability strategies, and 21st century energy system, Climate Solutions' New Energy Cities program

works with Northwest communities to accelerate the transition to clean, renewable, super-efficient energy systems.

In a day and a half, we will:

1. **Learn** about an integrated energy system that combines deep energy efficiency, green intelligent buildings, smart power grids, electric vehicles, and distributed renewable energy.
2. **Build a common vision** for our community's energy future, and
3. **Complete a high-level plan** to start turning our vision into reality over the next three years.

We will walk out on Friday afternoon with a clear roadmap for moving forward together.

A few important logistical notes:

- This event is free of charge, covered by Clark County and the City of Vancouver, in partnership with Climate Solutions.
- A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided on Thursday, and coffee will be served on Friday.
- Most importantly, if you cannot attend all or most of the full day-and-a-half workshop, please contact Linda Roberts at Linda.Roberts@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-2232 to help identify someone else in your organization (or another organization in your sector) who may be able to attend the full event, to make sure that your group's critical and unique perspective will be brought to the table.

We are looking forward to this event, and we hope that you are as well. The prosperity we have all enjoyed in our lifetimes did not happen by accident. It was created because wise leaders laid the groundwork for prosperity many years ahead of time.

Now it is our turn to take the bold actions that will ensure economic success and environmental health in our community in the years and decades to come, and to make the decisions that will serve future generations.

Please reply to Linda Roberts at Linda.Roberts@clark.wa.gov or (360) 397-2232. We look forward to working with you on this important endeavor.

Sincerely,



Steve Stuart, Commissioner
Clark County



Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor
City of Vancouver