



In November 2007, Midwestern governors and the Premier of Manitoba signed ambitious regional goals to provide leadership on energy security and climate stewardship, and to stimulate economic development and job creation across the Midwest. Since then, participating states have appointed diverse representatives to advisory groups charged with developing recommendations for achieving the agreed upon goals and objectives.

As current chair of the Midwestern Governors Association (MGA), Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm has selected *Creating Jobs in the New Energy Economy* as her chair's agenda. Building on the region's energy security and climate stewardship

goals, this new agenda will ensure the Midwest has an investment environment and the trained workforce necessary to achieve its energy targets. Governors appointed a diverse group of stakeholders to form a jobs advisory group to provide guidance on how best to leverage the region's potential.

The MGA's Jobs and Energy Forum provides Midwestern leaders an opportunity to highlight the excellent work done since 2007, and a chance to focus the Midwest on ways to capitalize on the region's energy and jobs potential. The Midwest has extensive expertise on energy efficiency in many states, a burgeoning bio-economy, rich wind energy resources, vast coal reserves with significant underground geological formations for storing carbon dioxide, a robust manufacturing industry, world-class universities and a highly skilled workforce poised for new opportunities.

The MGA will release three new documents at this Forum that collectively outline these opportunities and describe how the region can achieve its ambitious jobs and energy goals:

- *Platform for Creating and Retaining Midwestern Jobs in the New Energy Economy* (Jobs Platform)

The Jobs Platform lays out goals and objectives agreed to by the governors to capitalize on the region's energy strengths to create and retain sustainable jobs and a skilled workforce in the new energy economy.

- *Midwestern Energy Infrastructure Accord* (Infrastructure Accord)

The Infrastructure Accord outlines agreements among governors to develop a robust infrastructure that will position the region to be a leader in lower carbon energy development and manufacturing technology. The priority areas for infrastructure development will support: electric transmission for renewable energy, smart grid technology and capability, capturing and storing carbon dioxide on a large scale via a network of pipelines and geologic reservoirs, and a refueling network for biofuels and other advanced lower carbon transportation fuels.

- *Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Roadmap: Advisory Group Recommendations* (Energy Roadmap)

This follow-up document to the 2007 *Energy Security and Climate Stewardship Platform* (Energy Platform) provides detailed advisory group policy recommendations and strategies to reach the historic and significant goals the governors agreed to in the Energy Platform.

To view these documents electronically, or to access additional MGA or advisory group documents, visit www.midwesterngovernors.org/energy.htm

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