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## Clean Energy Leaders to Unite on Clean Energy Vision 2030 at NCSEA's 8th Annual Making Energy Work Conference

North Carolina's changing energy landscape takes center stage at annual gathering that brings together state, national energy stakeholders in collaborative dialogue to champion a vision for North Carolina's energy future.

RALEIGH, N.C., AUGUST 11, 2016 – The NC Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA), a leading 501(c)3 nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization dedicated to shaping the state's clean and efficient energy future, will host its 8th annual Making Energy Work (MEW) conference at the Marriott Raleigh Crabtree Valley in Raleigh, N.C. on October 3-4, 2016. Nearly 500 state, regional, and national clean energy providers, advocates, and decision-makers will gather to explore North Carolina's opportunity in the global energy economy and how we can achieve it together.

"This year's Making Energy Work will be unlike any other," said NCSEA Communications and Media Coordinator Emily Becker. "North Carolina is well positioned with our people, assets, and experience to be a leader in the energy future, but we must first identify core tenets of a vision for North Carolina's energy economy, as well as some initial pathways for getting there."

The conference will include a panel discussion that introduces three trends – capital access, policy and regulation, and workforce development – that will unmistakably impact North Carolina's energy portfolio through 2030. Roundtable discussions will follow that investigate the way customers are shifting their behaviors because of these drivers and how businesses are responding to them.

Currently at a critical juncture, North Carolina's energy economy is in need of an energy vision that ensures we create a reliable, affordable future powered by clean energy. Attendees of this year's Making Energy Work will play a vital role in shaping an energy economy that truly benefits everyone.

"New trends emerging in our social, political, and economic landscape must be considered when crafting an energy vision that captures the needs of all North Carolinians," said Becker. "Making Energy Work presents a unique opportunity for clean energy stakeholders to explore the implications of these trends and work collaboratively to position North Carolina's energy future for success."

Those interested in contributing to the conversation surrounding North Carolina's clean energy vision can register for Making Energy Work at <a href="https://energync.site-ym.com/page/MEW\_Register">https://energync.site-ym.com/page/MEW\_Register</a>. As speakers continue to join the Making Energy Work lineup, an updated list can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>. For more information on Making Energy Work 2016, please visit <a href="https://www.makingenergywork.org">www.makingenergywork.org</a>, follow the hashtag #MEW16, or contact Christy Marcinkowski at <a href="https://energync.org">events@energync.org</a>.



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