

## **ERNEST MONIZ'S EFI, NASEO RELEASE THE 2020 US ENERGY AND EMPLOYMENT REPORT**

Washington, D.C. (March 23, 2020) – The Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) and the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) today published the 2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report (USEER), the fifth annual in-depth survey of the U.S. labor force and skills trends in five energy sectors across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

**The survey found that the U.S. Energy and Energy Efficiency sectors currently employ 6.8 million workers, and added 120,300 new jobs in 2019, over 7 percent of all newly created jobs nationwide.**

The USEER tracks employment trends in Fuels; Electric Power Generation; Transmission, Distribution, and Storage; Energy Efficiency; and Motor Vehicles. EFI, the think tank led by former U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest J. Moniz, and NASEO, which represents the 56 governor-designated State and Territory energy officials, have produced the USEER since 2018. The U.S. Department of Energy produced the first two editions.

The full USEER, Executive Summary, State Fact Sheets, and a recorded webinar with key takeaways from the report will be available for download at [www.USenergyjobs.org](http://www.USenergyjobs.org).

“Since we started collecting this data in 2015, these five critical sectors of the economy have produced jobs at double the rate of the economy as a whole,” said Moniz. “We are now producing more energy, more cheaply than ever before and are using it more efficiently. Energy investment is a winning formula to respond to any recession.”

“As the energy industry experiences continual change, the USEER puts a spotlight on markets, technologies, and occupations that offer opportunities for higher wages and revenue growth. For the governors’ energy directors and their staff, it enables data-driven, impactful policymaking and program design with wide ranging benefits, including accelerating job creation as our economy faces unprecedented challenges, promoting energy security, and prioritizing climate change and environmental sustainability.” added David Terry, Executive Director of NASEO.

“NASEO, and EFI have been working collaboratively on this important project for the last three years,” said David Foster, the author of the USEER. “We know that this critical labor force data will provide valuable guidance on how to use America’s energy resources to jumpstart our economy.”

The USEER is based on supplemental surveys of approximately 30,000 employers that enriches the employment data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) in its Quarterly Census on Employment and Wages. The data was collected by BW Research Partnership, a research consultancy that has conducted employer surveys for all five editions of the USEER.



### **About the Energy Futures Initiative (EFI)**

The Energy Futures Initiative advances science-based solutions to climate change through evidence-based analysis, thought leadership, and coalition-building. Under the leadership of Ernest J. Moniz, the 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Energy, EFI conducts research to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy through innovation in technology, policy, and business models. EFI maintains editorial independence from its public and private sponsors. [www.energyfuturesinitiative.org](http://www.energyfuturesinitiative.org).

### **About the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)**

NASEO is the only national non-profit organization of governor-designated energy officials from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five territories. [www.naseo.org](http://www.naseo.org).

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