



Pacific Northwest  
Center of Excellence for  
**Clean Energy**

## Director's Update



Happy retirement, Bob! Thank you for leading hydropower education!

### What an electrifying summer!

We led convenings with deans, sent college faculty to GTSE, hosted hydrogen tours, enrolled in NWPPA classes, supported FWEE, and moved into a cute brick house owned by Centralia College.

We hired a new SEI K-14 Energy/Climate Corps Fellow who is creating new ideas for increasing awareness of careers in energy.

What's next? We hope you participate in Public Power Week, Careers in Energy Week, and World Hydrogen Day - all occurring in October! Happy Fall!

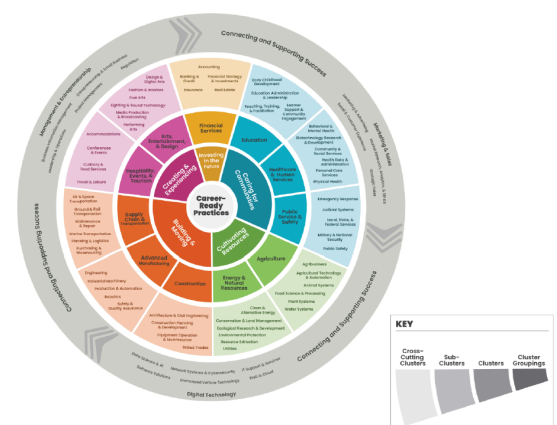
~Monica

## Energy & Natural Resources Career Cluster

### KEY RESOURCES AND TOOLS TO SUPPORT ADOPTION

The Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) has launched resources and tools for educators, industry leaders, and policymakers aimed at preparing the next generation for evolving high-demand energy and natural resources careers. CEWD includes ready-to-use materials, access points, and guidance to address the growing energy workforce. They serve as an implementation action plan to address workforce awareness opportunities across education, industry, and policy; as well as an opportunity for the industry to connect with students in classrooms.

The Framework: Wheel View





## Helion Breaks Ground

FIRST FUSION PLANT IN  
WASHINGTON

Helion Energy announced that it has broken ground on the site of its first commercial fusion power plant, beginning initial earthwork and construction. The facility, dubbed Orion, will be located in Chelan County near the Columbia River and the town of Malaga. In 2023, Helion announced the world's first power purchase agreement (PPA) that will provide energy from the plant to Microsoft by 2028, with Constellation Energy serving as power marketer. With site work now underway, Helion remains on track to meet that goal.

## CoE Director Recognized

MONICA WON THE 2025 SEI  
CHAMPION AWARD



**CLIMATE  
CORPS**

A PROGRAM OF SEI

Each year, SEI honors an esteemed individual who has dedicated their time and efforts to further SEI's mission of building leaders to accelerate climate solutions for a more equitable and resilient world.

This year, SEI is recognizing Monica Brummer, Director of the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, as a 2025 SEI Champion Award recipient for her visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to advancing clean energy solutions in Washington state.

## Upcoming Events



September 29-30 Seattle Fusion Week, Seattle, WA  
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Green Hydrogen Summit USA, Seattle, WA  
October 14-16 CHS Hydrogen Innovation and Technology Conference, Houston, TX  
October 20-24 Careers in Energy Week  
October 24 Solar Summit, Seattle, WA  
November 4-6 Women in Energy Symposium, El Paso, TX  
November 18-20 CEWD Workforce Development Summit, Washington, D.C.

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