



Pacific Northwest
Center of Excellence for
Clean Energy

Director's Update



CoE Staff - Emily, Ryan, and Monica
It's an honor to work with this amazing team!

*The Center of Excellence for Clean Energy, hosted by Centralia College, will close June 30 due to state budget cuts. Our final project will be hosting the SW WA STEM/Energy Career summer camp June 22-26.

It's been an honor. We have truly enjoyed partnering with you as your clean energy workforce sector leader, and want to **THANK YOU** for being a clean energy champion.

A big THANK YOU to our stellar staff - Emily, our website/social media/office/program coordinator, and Ryan, our SEI Climate/Energy Fellow. They are the Excellence of our Center!

As the Center prepares to close June 30, after 22 years of serving our energy sector*, we realize work still needs to be done. Please visit our website's blog for details of continued resources.

~Monica
An energy industry champion

Energizing Pathways Between Industry & Education Partners

22 YEARS OF CONNECTING

We've built amazing partnerships and worked on cutting-edge projects during the past 22 years. We were at the forefront of sharing industry news and developing workforce initiatives including niched energy programs at colleges, smart grid and energy efficiency technologies, and hydrogen, fusion and innovative solutions. We shared information about Agri-voltaics, sustainable practices, and national workforce awareness campaigns.

What will continue? Clean energy initiatives within our state, such as the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), Clean Buildings Act, and Clean Transportation Act; new career clusters in our schools - that blend agriculture and natural resources with energy - that highlights energy for the first time; and workforce pathways that will be developed by our partnering energy champions.

NEWS

Recently on the Blog

HEADLINES FROM OUR WEBSITE

- JCB Targeting New Speed Record Using Its Hydrogen Engines
- Meet Helion's New Fusion Testbed- Tiny Merge
- WA Dept of Commerce Awards \$60 Million for Clean Energy Projects
- Ford Energy: The Launch of Battery Energy Storage
- Department of Energy to Resume Negotiations for \$430 Million in Hydropower Funding
- As We Close, the Director's Blog

Read more about these stories at <https://www.cleanenergyexcellence.org/blog/>

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A HOST OF RESOURCES AND INFORMATION -
AVAILABLE UNTIL NOVEMBER 2026

The CoE website hosts information aimed at students, educators, parents, industry partners, and anyone who wants to learn more about energy. It features news, upcoming events, historical information about the CoE, and so much more.



Students can find information on apprenticeships, career pathways, colleges, internships, employers, and scholarships. Educators and parents, for K-12 and colleges, will find activities and curriculum. The site also hosts publications and reports from the U.S. Dept. of Energy, Clean Energy Transition Institute, and others. **Check it out!**

Upcoming Events



June 16-18	RHA Northwest Renewable Hydrogen Conference
June 30-July 1	RE+ Storage
July 14-15	Mid-C Seminar
July 19-23	PNWER Annual Summit
July 28-30	Women in Public Power Conference
Aug. 31- Sept. 2	2026 Washington State Fusion Week
Sept. 3	2026 CleanTech Innovation Showcase

Check our **website** for more events and information.

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