LEAD: Leadership in Energy Advancement and Development

VA-REA’s 2019 LEAD-Series Conference #2:

Virginia Higher Education Powering the Renewable Energy Workforce

Friday, June 28, 2019
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

This interactive event is designed to foster awareness and collaboration among Virginia’s higher education institutions with renewable energy programming and to increase those schools’ engagement with industry. Our goal is to help Virginia companies and Virginia schools benefit from the many educational resources and growing renewable energy activity in the Commonwealth.

AGENDA

9:00 am  Registration, Refreshments, and Networking

10:00 am  Welcome: ODU and VA-REA

10:15 am  Renewable Energy Data Review
Historic data and projections regarding installations, industry trends, employment numbers, and training needs
  - Speaker: VA-REA Staff

10:45 am  Virginia Higher Education Resources Survey
Overviews of schools’ resources and programs that support graduate and undergraduate degrees, technical training and professional certification, and internships in wind, solar, renewable bio-fuels, and more
  - Moderator: Jonathan Miles, Professor, School of Integrated Sciences and Executive Director, Office for the Advancement of Sustainable Energy, James Madison University
  - Speakers representing JMU, ODU, VT, NSU, UVA, W&M, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, Southside Virginia Community College, Tidewater Community College, Piedmont Virginia Community College

12:30 pm  Lunchtime Keynote: Connecting Supply and Demand to Maximize Opportunity for Virginia’s Renewable Energy Workforce
  - Philip Jordan, Principal and Vice President, BW Research Partnership; Executive Director, Economic Advancement Research Institute; Research Fellow, Harvard’s Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation

1:30 pm  Industry and Educational Institutions Matching Opportunities to Resources
Small group workshops and plenary discussion to understand Virginia firms’ hiring and technology needs, expand business collaboration with Virginia’s educators, and articulate the path forward for a growing industry

2:45 pm  Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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