CEWD Member Summary

Our Purpose

The electric power industry is in the midst of a transformation, and with that transformation comes the need for a diverse, qualified workforce with the knowledge, skills, and ability to adapt and grow along with the industry.

The Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) is at the forefront of forecasting the demand for workers, communicating the skills and knowledge for current and future workers, and partnering with educators across the country to create scalable career pathways for energy jobs. CEWD provides ready-to-use resources that allow energy companies to attract, train, and hire from a variety of demographic groups including youth, military, women, and transitioning adults.

Initially formed to identify and implement solutions to the aging workforce issue, CEWD now focuses on closing the skill gaps in mission critical jobs as the industry faces changes in technology and leads the way to a cleaner energy future. Over the past 10 years, CEWD has worked to create a strong foundation of partnership between the energy industry, education, and workforce development to implement proven and scalable workforce solutions that save time, conserve resources, and reduce costs.

Our Impact

CEWD members represent approximately 85% of the nation’s energy utility workers and have combined revenue of more than $450 billion. The industry’s broad support of CEWD underscores, in a very visible manner, its track record for helping the industry develop a qualified and diverse workforce to meet our country’s energy needs.

At the state level, CEWD facilitated the creation of State Energy Workforce Consortia representing 30 states. These consortia focus on developing an energy workforce tailored to the economic, demographic, and specific workforce requirements for that state. The consortia are supported by CEWD through a unique model of consultants who bring to bear long-term industry and human resources experience. This model enables the state consortia to rapidly tailor and implement proven solutions from other regions.

Educators play a critical role in the partnership infrastructure. Through its members, CEWD has identified more than 150 educators who provide credentials, degrees, and diplomas in training and education programs specifically tied to energy competencies. The network, called the National Energy Education Network, actively leverages the work of CEWD across the country in high schools, community colleges, and universities.

The national career awareness brand, Get Into Energy, is used across the country in websites, social media, brochures, curricula, and educational pathways to introduce energy careers to students and future employees of all ages. CEWD also makes it easier for specific demographic groups to find our jobs and prepare for energy careers. Resources include links to educational institutions that partner with CEWD members and a real-time job posting site. In addition, CEWD provides interactive roadmaps for key jobs like generation, transmission, and distribution technicians, lineworkers, plant and field operators, and engineers. Targeted resources include Troops to Energy Jobs for exiting soldiers and veterans, WISE (Women in Sustainable Employment) Pathways for transitioning women into non-traditional fields, the Get Into Energy Career Pathways Model for students in secondary and postsecondary programs of study, and Get Into Energy / Get Into STEM to support after-school efforts like FIRST Robotics and SkillsUSA for middle and high school students.
Our Platform

CEWD is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed by the electric and natural gas energy industry for the purpose of creating the next generation of energy workers. CEWD members include the major energy industry trade associations Edison Electric Institute (EEI), Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), American Gas Association (AGA), American Public Power Association (APPA), and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), as well as energy companies that use a variety of fuel sources, including fossil fuels, natural gas, nuclear, hydro, wind, solar, and biofuels. CEWD also partners with labor unions (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Utility Workers Union of America), education institutions, and the workforce system.

CEWD is led by a Board of Directors made up of the heads of the trade associations and major energy companies from around the country, along with Councils of members who provide advice and guidance on strategy and goals. CEWD provides its Board an annual plan based on the CEWD strategic planning model. The plan is structured in four distinct pillars: Workforce Planning, Career Awareness, Education, and Structure and Support. Following is a small sampling within each planning pillar of the strategies, products, services, and support CEWD provides its members and their partners.

Workforce Planning

Objective: Balance the supply and demand for a qualified and diverse energy workforce.

- **Strategic Workforce Planning Model** with tools and templates for workforce analytics and measurement
- **CEWD Workforce Survey: Gaps in the Energy Pipeline**, which has collected data on the country’s skilled energy workforce since 2008
- **National and State Demand Reports** providing 10-year projections of attrition for key skilled job categories
- **Identification** of national “game changers” for the energy industry that directly influence workforce needs at the company, state, and region level
- **Supply data** on graduates from educators in the National Energy Education Network
- **Contractor Demand Analysis Toolkit** that assists companies and state consortia in quantifying contractor workforce requirements

Career Awareness

Objective: Create awareness among students, parents, educators, and non-traditional workers of the critical need for a skilled energy workforce and the opportunities for education that can lead to entry-level employment.

- **National Career Awareness websites**: [www.cewd.org](http://www.cewd.org), [www.troopstoenergyjobs.com](http://www.troopstoenergyjobs.com), and [www.getintoenergy.com](http://www.getintoenergy.com)
- Customizable branded materials and collateral to build career awareness among targeted populations through ShopCEWD
- **Toolkits** to guide employers in attracting, hiring, and retaining targeted populations, including veterans, women, transitioning adults, youth, and individuals with disabilities
- **Troops to Energy Jobs**: An online career resource to help connect veterans with energy industry employers who are seeking to hire them
- **Get Into Energy Jobs**: A searchable database of real-time job vacancy announcements from all CEWD member company websites
- **Women in Sustainable Employment (WISE) Pathways** Exploration Workshop for women
- **Get Into Energy / Get Into STEM**: National program and support for FIRST Robotics competition
- Resources and toolkits to support state **Careers in Energy Week** events each October
Education

Objective: Implement clearly defined education solutions that link industry-recognized competencies and credentials to employment opportunities and advancement in the energy industry.

- **Energy Industry Competency Model** for Technicians and Engineers: Detailed knowledge and skill sets defined by the industry for the highest priority positions, including line installers, power and gas plant operators, technicians, and pipelayers.


- **Energy Industry Common Employability Skills (CES) for Educators**: Guides that help educators teach personal, people, and workplace skills needed to gain employment.

- Focused energy curriculum and teaching guides for **middle school and high school students**

- Support to state consortia for launching energy career pathways and a **17th career cluster in energy**

Structure and Support

Objective: Organize the energy industry workforce development efforts to maximize the effectiveness of national, state, and individual company initiatives.

- **CEWD Annual Summit**, a convening of members and their partners in the DC area each November.

- **Annual meetings for each CEWD Region** to showcase best practices and update members on CEWD services and tools.

- Management of and support to the **National Energy Education Network**, encompassing nearly 300 education institutions in the US that teach industry-sponsored energy curriculum.

- Support to State Energy Workforce Consortia representing 30 states, including the annual **National Forum** convening in the DC area.

- Organization and management of multiple **Communities of Practice** focused on specific programs, e.g., Troops to Energy Jobs, Energy Industry Fundamentals, etc.

- A dedicated **Member Services** staff

For more information on CEWD, visit the website at [www.cewd.org](http://www.cewd.org).
Formed in March 2006, the Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD) is a non-profit consortium of electric, natural gas, and nuclear utilities and their associations—Edison Electric Institute, American Gas Association, Nuclear Energy Institute, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and American Public Power Association. CEWD was formed to help utilities work together to develop solutions to the coming workforce shortage in the utility industry. It is the first partnership between utilities, their associations, contractors, and unions to focus on the need to build a skilled workforce pipeline that will meet future industry needs.

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