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A press conference on untapped economic opportunities will be held in conjunction with the business showcase

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Salt Lake City – Forget chocolates and candy hearts, legislators are getting new jobs and clean air this Valentine’s Day. Utah Clean Energy, Utah’s leading renewable energy organization, along with sPower, a solar industry leader, is hosting its annual Clean Energy Business Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, February 14 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Utah State Capitol Rotunda. Representatives from over a dozen local businesses from Utah’s solar, energy efficiency, wind, and electric vehicle industries will showcase their clean-technology products and services. To kick off the event, a press conference will be held at 3:30 p.m. where representatives from Utah Clean Energy, sPower and Utah legislator, Representative Steve Handy will address legislation around electric vehicles, solar development and brand-new renewable energy pricings trends.

“Solar energy in Utah represents over 6,000 local jobs. sPower is proud to play a role in this economic driver,” states Ryan Creamer, sPower CEO. “With renewable energy pricing at all-time lows, policy plays a critical role in ensuring that there is robust competition with a level playing field for the benefit of Utah’s energy future.”

Utah policymakers will get VIP access to Utah’s clean energy industry, which includes over 30,000 energy efficiency jobs alone. Pricing for renewable energy projects has become a central player in job growth. Utah’s clean energy industry could be at a crossroads with national and local renewable energy pricing so low, creating an industry game-changer in terms of growth.

“Several energy policies currently are underway that have the potential to bolster industry growth in Utah,” said Sarah Wright, Utah Clean Energy’s Executive Director. “Utah is only at the beginning of the state’s full energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric vehicle potential. This is a critical time in the energy industry and we hope state policymakers will harness this opportunity to support our ever-growing energy economy in Utah.”

The Clean Energy Business Day and press conference will include a sneak-peek at the 2018 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook produced by The Business Council for Sustainable Energy in partnership with Bloomberg New Energy Finance. The annual release will be distributed the next day, February 15, and outlines key energy trends and the contribution of clean energy to the U.S. economy.
Visitors are welcome to browse exhibits including Tesla, Auric Solar, and Wheeler Power Systems at the capitol, and learn more about Utah’s growing clean energy sector from industry experts and leaders on site.

For more information, visit https://utahcleanenergy.org/.

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About Utah Clean Energy
Utah Clean Energy is Utah’s leading expert, public interest organization working to expand renewable energy and energy efficiency in a way that is beneficial not only for Utah’s environment and health, but our economy and long-term energy security. Utah Clean Energy is committed to creating a future that ensures healthy, thriving communities for all, empowered and sustained by clean energies such as solar, wind and energy efficiency.

About sPower
sPower, an AES and AIMCo company, is the largest independent solar developer in the United States. Headquartered in Salt Lake City with offices in San Francisco, Long Beach and New York City, sPower owns and operates more than 150 utility and commercial distributed electrical generation systems. sPower has deployed more than $2 billion of capital for its solar and wind projects. With more than 10 GW between operating, construction and pipeline, sPower is actively buying select utility-scale renewable assets in virtually any stage of development in the United States.