







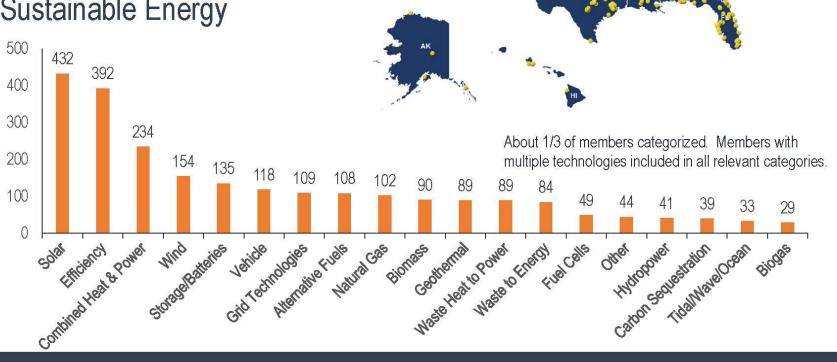
The Clean Energy Opportunity: Fostering Innovation in Maine and Across the U.S.

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### The Clean Energy Business Network

- 3,000+ business leaders across all 50 states, representing every aspect of the clean energy economy
- Independent initiative of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy





### Mission

- Inform and engage clean energy business leaders in policy issues impacting the industry
- Educate the public and policymakers about diverse energy technologies
- Provide resources to help members address common business challenges



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## The Clean Energy Market Opportunity

- \$58.8 billion private investment in clean energy in 2016 (2017 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook)
- **3+ million jobs** in low-carbon electricity, energy efficiency, and alternative fuel vehicle industries in 2016 (DOE, 2017)

U.S. clean energy investment (\$bn), all asset classes



Wind and solar will account for almost half of installed capacity and over one-third of electricity generation worldwide by 2040. Renewables will account for almost 3/4 (or \$7.4 trillion) of global investment in new power generation capacity during that time. (Bloomberg New Energy Finance, 2017)

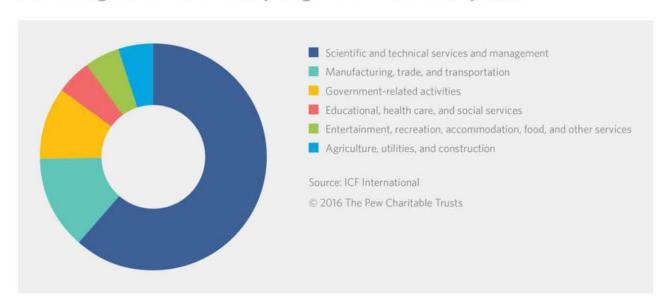


### The Payoff of Federal Support

■ For every \$1 spent on early-stage clean energy research and development, \$1.60 is created in other parts of the economy (The Pew Charitable Trusts & ICF International, 2016)

Scientific and Technical Services Represent the Largest GDP Contributions

Economic gains from DOE's early-stage R&D investment, by sector

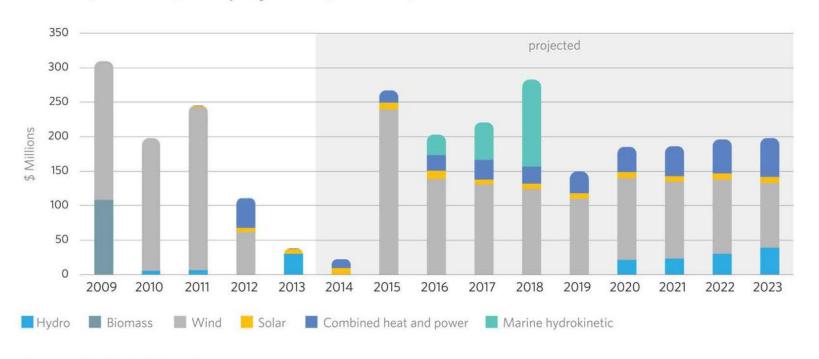




### The Opportunity in Maine

#### Clean Energy Investment, by Sector and Year

Actual (2009-13) and projected (2014-23) annual investment



Source: Navigant Research

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# Maine's Innovation Economy



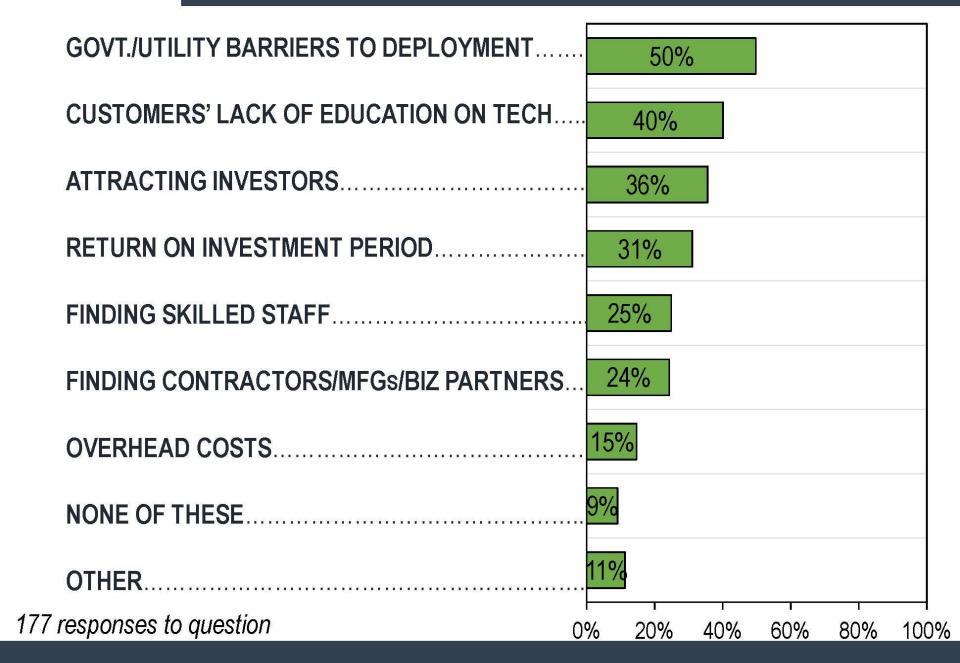








## Barriers Facing Clean Energy Businesses: Survey Results





### Barriers Facing Clean Energy Businesses: Group Discussions

### **Policy Uncertainty**

All levels: RPS, CPP, tax reform, funding cuts, lack of natl. energy policy

#### **Utility Barriers**

Utilities' financial model doesn't prioritize efficiency, renewables, or DG Tariffs, standby rates, demand charges, limits on power exports Battles over net metering and RPS/EERS

#### Financing Barriers

Audits & feasibility are an upfront cost with uncertain payback
Lack of incentives to build new construction to highest standard
Some customers need tax incentives/equity financing
Other customers need upfront capital assistance/grant
State and federal grants, loans, etc. can be confusing to navigate

#### **Innovation Barriers**

Policies and markets often prescriptive/averse to disruption
Early adopters (often government) needed
Long lead times for permitting innovative projects
Early-stage companies struggle with investment & other challenges



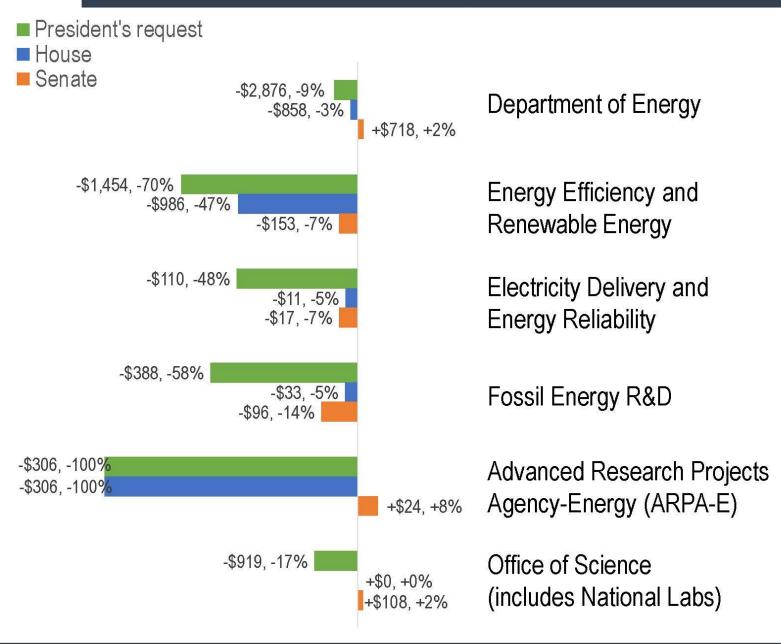
## What's Happening in Washington that Could Impact Energy Markets?

- Tax policy
- Appropriations (funding)
- FERC grid reliability pricing rule
- Clean Power Plan repeal
- Paris Agreement withdrawal
- Energy legislation





## Energy Funding Proposals, FY 2018 (\$ Millions)





### Energy Tax Issues

Both chambers advancing proposals on a tight timeframe

Corporate tax rate (↓ to 20%) & deductions

Personal income tax brackets

Energy credits: PTC, ITC, EV, fossil



## From Washington to Maine, Let's Grow the Clean Energy Economy

- Promote policies that level playing field & address barriers to new technologies
- Educate public and policymakers about availability and benefits of clean energy
- Promote collaboration within the industry
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