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[Biomass more attractive to investors than renewables: survey](#)

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The annual KPMG [survey](#) on global renewable energy mergers and acquisitions found 37% of respondents plan to invest in biomass, 36% plan to invest in solar and 35% in wind energy. Survey respondents indicate they prefer biomass plants because of their potential to yield higher returns than other renewable technologies.

RENEWABLE ENERGY FOCUS

[Palm Springs project would place solar plant among wind turbines](#)

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A planned solar photovoltaic power plant in Palm Springs, California, would break new ground in the U.S. by locating the modules among wind turbines. The area is home to turbines numbering in the thousands. A 13-megawatt solar PV power plant called the Mountain View Solar Project is proposed on a 77-acre site just south of Interstate 10 that now contains 10 wind turbines. The photovoltaic modules are to be installed among a collection of wind turbines owned by [AES Wind Generation](#).

[Agency announces rents to be charged for solar power plants on public land](#)

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The federal Bureau of Land Management [has announced](#) the rental fees it plans to charge for any solar power plants constructed on public lands. A 400-megawatt solar photovoltaic power plant installed in Riverside County, California, for example, could be required to pay as much as about \$3.5 million a year under the fee structure. The rent per acre will vary from county to county and is based on values published by the [National Agricultural Statistics Service](#). The capacity fee will vary depending on the type of solar technology used in a power plant. It is based on a formula that includes the production efficiency of the electricity generation and the average return on a federal 20-year bond.

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Solar panel manufacturer [MiaSole announced](#) that the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) has tested and confirmed that the firm's thin-film solar modules are the most efficient of their kind, at 13.8% energy conversion efficiency. Some universities and foreign companies have claimed efficiencies as high as 20% for the technology, but they have not been independently verified. The MiaSole modules use copper indium gallium selenide to create extremely thin panels for industrial and utility deployment.

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[Climate energy bill cost for consumers: up to \\$146 a year](#)

Christian Science Monitor - Jun 16

The EPA [has found](#) that the climate-energy bill that is pending in the Senate would not be as expensive for consumers as previously thought, giving a boost to the stalled bill. The climate-energy legislation sponsored by Sens. John Kerry and Joseph Lieberman would have a "relatively modest [economic] impact" on the U.S. public, the EPA's models showed. The bill, which includes a market-based "cap and trade" mechanism to put a price on carbon emissions from U.S. smokestack emitters, would hike energy costs for both businesses and consumers. But with rebates for consumers in the plan, as well as other factors, the overall cost to American households would be \$79 to \$146 annually, the EPA found.

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[Coalition calls for passage of clean energy bill](#)

Renewable Energy World - Jun 18

A new coalition of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and biofuels organizations is pushing for the U.S. Senate to quickly pass comprehensive energy legislation it says will create millions of American jobs and decrease U.S. reliance on fossil fuels. The letter, copied [here](#), was sent to all members of the Senate as a followup to President Obama's call to action on energy. The coalition letter urges the Senate to move quickly with legislation promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and biofuels. The members of the coalition include: the American Wind Energy Association, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy, the Biomass Power Association, the Geothermal Energy Association, the National Hydropower Association, and the Solar Energy Industries Association.

[Renewable Electricity Standard will create 274,000 jobs](#)

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The "[Job Impacts of a National Renewable Electricity Standard](#)" study, released by the RES Alliance for Jobs, found that a 25% by 2025 national RES would support an additional 274,000 renewable energy jobs over no national policy. Job growth in the wind, solar, biomass, waste-to-energy, and hydropower industries would particularly benefit the Southeastern U.S. and manufacturing states. In addition, the study found that without stronger near-term targets than currently envisioned, industries like wind will experience flat job growth and long-term stagnation, while the U.S. biomass industry could collapse altogether. The RES Alliance recommends raising near-term RES targets in federal legislation to 12% in 2014 and 20% in 2020.

[U.S. senators propose extending renewable energy grant program](#)

Dow Jones Newswire - Jun 16

A group of U.S. Senators has proposed extending a government program that provides cash grants to renewable energy developers in lieu of tax credits, a program developers have said is crucial to keeping the market afloat. Sens. Maria Cantwell (D., Wash.), Dianne Feinstein (D., Calif.) and four other Democratic senators proposed extending the renewable tax-credit Treasury grant program another two years, through 2012, as part of a \$140 billion bill to extend federal unemployment aid and renew a host of expired tax breaks.

[Analyst: Stimulus bill funds still not reaching cleantech](#)

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According to Robert Lahey, analyst with Ardour Capital Investments, most of

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Recent Opportunities

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[Solar Energy Projects at Various Kern County Waste Management Properties](#)

[Los Angeles World Airport's Request for Concepts and Qualifications For the Potential Lease for Development of Renewable Energy Project at Palmdale](#)

[Southern California Edison 2010 Solar Photovoltaic Program's Request For Proposals From Independent Power Producers](#)

[San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Request for Qualifications for Design-Build Solar Photovoltaic Projects](#)

the \$787 billion stimulus bill funds have been spent, but the impact on cleantech has fallen below expectations. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) allocated \$36.7 billion to the Department of Energy (DOE), but as of early June only \$4.5 billion has been spent, Lahey said, noting most of it did not go to cleantech companies. He writes "delays are attributable to personnel deficiencies in terms of quantity and quality (limited finance and private sector experience), new restrictions on lobbyists, stringent credit requirements, and mandatory environmental studies that move at a snail's pace."

[DOE gives \\$60M to expand local energy efficiency efforts](#)

Sustainable Business - Jun 15

The Department of Energy (DOE) [announced](#) that [20 communities](#) have been selected for more than \$60 million in funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to implement local energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. Local governments, nonprofit organizations and quasi-governmental organizations are among the recipients for the competitive grants, administered under the DOE's [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant](#) program. The funding supports projects that deliver energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings and establish financing programs for energy efficiency improvements.

NOTABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS AND DEALS

[California-China pact yields plan for massive solar project](#)

Sunpluggers - Jun 14

A first-of-its-kind partnership agreement signed in 2009 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and officials from the Chinese province of Jiangsu is expected to lead to a formal proposal for a 500-megawatt solar power plant to be built in Kings County, California. China Guodian Corp., one of the largest power companies in China, has signed a letter of intent with California-based [Canergy International](#) for a joint project to develop the utility-scale solar photovoltaic plant.

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