

# Labor in the New Energy Economy

## AGENDA

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration and breakfast

All events in the West Ballroom unless otherwise noted

8:45 a.m.

**Welcome: Pam Rosado, Policy Matters Ohio**

9:00 a.m.

### **Opening Keynote**

**U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown** is the leading national voice insisting that green jobs must be good jobs and the new green economy must accommodate unions and tap into the manufacturing base in Ohio. In this opening keynote, he'll discuss how a new, green economy can work for Ohio.

9:30 a.m.

### **Morning Plenary**

Our economy has already changed and will keep changing - energy will cost more, the recession will kill some jobs, the stimulus will create other new ones. New green jobs are here: that much is clear. Will they be good jobs? Will labor be at the table? This first panel will get us to "yes" on both of those questions.

**L. Josh Bivens, Economic Policy Institute**  
**Joel Yudken, High Road Strategies**  
**Jeff Rickert, AFL-CIO, Green Jobs Center Director**  
**Moderator: Amy Hanauer, Policy Matters Ohio**

11:00 a.m.

### **Concurrent Morning Workshops**

#### **A: Workforce Development (West Ballroom)**

It is essential that workers receive new training to be ready for the green economy. How can labor be at the forefront? Learn how to ensure that apprenticeship programs incorporate green training; create a green training pipeline into union membership; provide cross training to incumbent workers; help displaced union members get retrained for new union jobs in emerging fields; and tap new workforce dollars. This session will provide insight on what's being done and how Ohio unions can tap into money available.

**Steve Lipster, Electrical Trades Center, IBEW**  
**Andrew Maciejewski, Ohio State Apprenticeship Council**  
**Piet van Lier, Policy Matters Ohio**  
**Moderator: Satya Rhodes-Conway, Center on Wisconsin Strategy**

#### **B. Federal clean energy policy (East Ballroom)**

Our nation is moving rapidly towards a clean energy economy. Federal level policy revolves around clean energy and green jobs. This panel will give an overview of legislation that's moving now and how Labor can engage to get the most out of it.

**John Ryan, Office of Senator Sherrod Brown**  
**Ron Ruggiero, Apollo Alliance**  
**Jeff Rickert, AFL-CIO Green Jobs Center Director**  
**Moderator: Wendy Patton, Policy Matters Ohio**

12:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

Speaker: **Chris Chafe, Executive Director of Change to Win**

Moderator: Pam Rosado

1:30 p.m.

**Concurrent Afternoon Workshops**

<p><b>A. Good, Green Jobs (West Ballroom)</b> Clean energy and energy efficiency policies and projects have produced good union jobs in Ohio and America. Hear speakers from four locals describe where. Discuss how we can help ensure more of the same.</p> <p><b>Melissa Campbell, President, United Steelworkers Local 2737</b> <b>Sonny Nardi, President, Teamsters Local 416</b> <b>Bob Hopkins, President, Empire Die Casting</b> <b>Robert Rooks, Midwest Field Coordinator for the Laborers Residential Energy Efficiency Organizing Project</b> <b>Ron Ruggiero, Apollo Alliance</b> <b>Moderator: Sara Letourneau, Ohio Blue Green Alliance</b></p>	<p><b>B. State clean energy policy (East Ballroom)</b> Ohio is going green. This panel will give an overview of legislation already in place to drive Ohio's new energy economy, state programs that are moving now and how Labor can engage to get the most out of it.</p> <p><b>State Rep. Mike Foley</b> <b>Kim Gibson, Assistant to Governor Strickland's Energy Advisor</b> <b>Moderators: Amanda Woodrum, Policy Matters Ohio and Shanelle Smith, Ohio Apollo Alliance</b></p>
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3:00 p.m.

**Closing Discussion**

What are the next steps for labor in Ohio? How can labor secure a seat at the table as our policymakers transition Ohio and our nation to the new green economy? How can we work to ensure green jobs are also good jobs that help build the ranks of union membership? Ohio's top union leaders will describe their vision and our moderator will engage the audience in an interactive closing conversation about where we go from here, drawing on the expertise from all the day's workshops and panels.

**Harriet Applegate, Executive Secretary, North Shore Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO**

**Joe Rugola, President, Ohio AFL-CIO**

**Moderator: Amy Hanauer, Policy Matters Ohio**