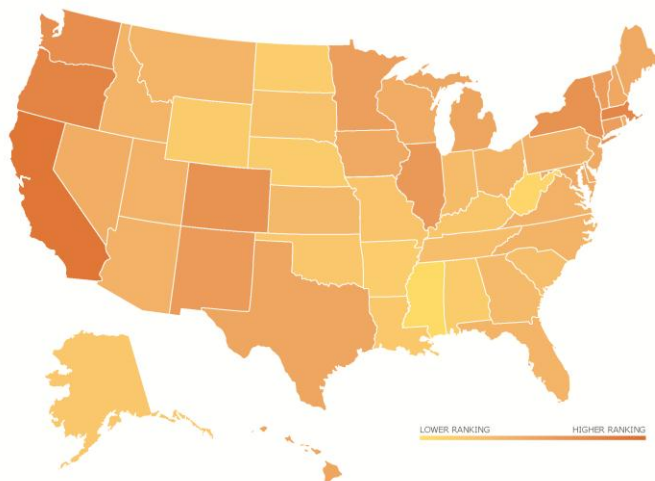


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Clean Edge's Third Annual State Clean Energy Index Provides Critical Benchmarking and Analysis of Dynamic U.S. Clean-Tech Landscape

Portland, Oregon – May 30, 2012 – Clean Edge's third annual *State Clean Energy Index*, released today, provides the industry's most comprehensive and objective analysis of how all 50 states, and the individuals, businesses, and organizations that operate there, compare across the clean-energy spectrum. According to Clean Edge's assessment and ranking of more than 70 different indicators in technology, policy, and capital, the top 10 states in the nation this year are California, Oregon, Massachusetts, Washington, Colorado, New York, Illinois, New Mexico, Vermont, and Minnesota.

2012 STATE CLEAN ENERGY INDEX



RANK	STATE	SCORE	RANK	STATE	SCORE
1	California	91.1	26	Utah	38.1
2	Oregon	79.9	27	Virginia	37.6
3	Massachusetts	76.1	28	North Carolina	36.7
4	Washington	69.0	29	Florida	35.9
5	Colorado	65.1	30	Montana	35.8
6	New York	64.9	31	Ohio	35.7
7	Illinois	59.8	32	Idaho	35.7
8	New Mexico	58.1	33	Kansas	32.3
9	Vermont	56.5	34	Georgia	31.2
10	Minnesota	54.6	35	Indiana	30.4
11	Connecticut	54.0	36	Tennessee	27.7
12	Michigan	48.9	37	South Carolina	26.6
13	Texas	48.3	38	South Dakota	25.8
14	Hawaii	48.0	39	Missouri	22.5
15	New Hampshire	47.4	40	Kentucky	20.9
16	Maine	44.7	41	Oklahoma	20.2
17	Maryland	44.6	42	Alaska	19.8
18	New Jersey	44.6	43	Louisiana	18.9
19	Iowa	44.6	44	Wyoming	17.4
20	Rhode Island	43.5	45	Nebraska	17.3
21	Wisconsin	43.2	46	Alabama	16.9
22	Delaware	43.2	47	North Dakota	16.1
23	Nevada	42.0	48	Arkansas	16.0
24	Pennsylvania	40.1	49	West Virginia	8.0
25	Arizona	39.0	50	Mississippi	4.1

Source: Clean Edge, Inc., 2012

Key market indicators tracked by Clean Edge via its *State Clean Energy Index* subscription service include total electricity produced by clean-energy sources, hybrid and electric vehicles on the road, clean-energy venture and patent activity, and policy regulations and incentives. The *2012 State Index* paints an important and insightful picture of the U.S. clean-energy landscape.

2012 STATE CLEAN ENERGY INDEX - TOP 10 STATES				
State	Rank	Score	Rank Change from 2011	Score Change from 2011
California	1	91.1	-	-4.2
Oregon	2	79.9	-	+0.5
Massachusetts	3	76.1	-	+4.3
Washington	4	69.0	+2	+9.0
Colorado	5	65.1	-	+4.9
New York	6	64.9	-2	+1.8
Illinois	7	59.8	+5	+8.7
New Mexico	8	58.1	-1	+1.1
Vermont	9	56.5	+1	+3.4
Minnesota	10	54.6	-2	-2.4

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“Against the backdrop of partisan attacks and general inaction within Congress, the state-level scene shows a diversity that crosses political boundaries and regions,” says Clean Edge managing director Ron Pernick. “The next decade will determine which nations, states, and cities lead in clean tech, and our *State Index* provides critical insights on the dramatic shifts and best practices that are leading the way within the U.S.”

Highlights from this year’s research include:

- Six states, twice as many as last year, now generate more than 10 percent of their utility-scale electricity from **wind**, **solar**, and/or **geothermal**.

- The number of registered **hybrid cars** in the U.S. grew to nearly 2 million while **all-electric vehicles** neared the 50,000 registered-vehicle milestone.
- The 29 states with **renewable portfolio standards**, along with Washington, D.C., account for nearly two-thirds of the nation's total generating capacity.
- California's clean-energy **venture capital** dollars in 2011 exceeded the total of all the other 49 states combined.
- Clean-energy **patents** granted to U.S. entities in 2011 exceeded the 1,000 mark for the first time, with more than half of them distributed across just three states.

An executive summary of this year's *State Index* is available for download at www.cleandge.com/research/state-index. The executive summary provides a glimpse at topline findings from the *State Clean Energy Index* report, the centerpiece of a larger advisory subscription service. Along with access to the full *State Index* report – containing detailed Index results, comprehensive data tables, and individual state report cards – subscribers receive custom presentations, clean-tech company database access, and advisory hours.

Clean Edge leverages public and private data to generate each state's leadership scores. Private data partners include Cleantech Group, Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C., InnovateTech Ventures, and R.L. Polk & Co.

About Clean Edge:

Clean Edge, Inc., founded in 2000, is the world's first research and advisory firm devoted to the clean-tech sector. For more than a decade, the firm has delivered timely data, expert analysis, and comprehensive insights to key

industry stakeholders. The company offers an unparalleled suite of index, benchmarking, and advisory services including the *State Clean Energy Index*, sponsored reports, the annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit conference (co-produced with IBF), and benchmark clean-tech stock indexes with NASDAQ®. To keep abreast of the latest clean-tech trends or learn more about our services, visit www.cleantech.com.

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