The theme of the Iowa Energy Workforce Workshop is Building Iowa’s Energy Workforce: An Essential Step towards National Leadership. The motivating issue is that Iowa is well positioned to lead the nation in satisfying energy needs of the 21st century, but doing so will require well-educated, highly trained technical talent much beyond what is currently available within the state.

The objective is to initiate development of a systematic, long-term, state-wide effort to build Iowa’s energy workforce.

The date and time is November 26, 2007, 1:00-5:30 pm.

The location is the Scheman Building, Iowa State University Campus, Ames.

The participants are approximately 50 people representing primary stakeholders in the Iowa Energy vision, by invitation only, including:
- Investor-owned electric utilities, cooperatives, and municipals
- Wind farm developers and owners
- Manufacturers of and service providers in energy technologies
- Regent’s universities, community colleges, high-schools, affiliated organizations
- Regulatory bodies
- State agencies and Federal government

The program includes leaders from state and federal government, industry, and universities providing action plans for ensuring Iowa has the workforce necessary to make Iowa the energy capital of the world. Breakout sessions will facilitate discussion on proposed plans.

The follow-up includes developing teams to initiate and carry out proposed plans, including development of funding proposals for sustaining the work of those plans.

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