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**BCSE Stands with 100+ Companies, Partners in Support of a Low-Carbon USA**

Washington, DC - As world leaders from over 150 countries sign the Paris Agreement this week, more than 100 leading companies with strong U.S. roots have joined together to welcome the agreement and call for the U.S. economy to shift to a low-carbon future.

These companies, including BCSE members, Enel Green Power North America, EnerNOC, First Environment, Inc., Kingspan North America, National Grid, PG&E, Philips Lighting, Schneider Electric, The Stella Group, Ltd., and U.S. Green Building Council, signed the [Business Backs Low-Carbon USA Statement](#) that was released earlier today.

“The *Business Backs Low-Carbon USA Statement*, released on the eve of the signing of the historic Paris Agreement, shows that a broad diversity of American business is behind the transition to a low-carbon economy,” commented BCSE President Lisa Jacobson. “This transition is already well underway here in the U.S., as seen in our 2016 [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#). The *Factbook* findings also show the impact of policy on market growth. The Clean Power Plan, along with the Paris Agreement, are important signals to investors and decision-makers that the smart move in this new era is to diversify your energy portfolio by increasing the contributions of sustainable energy sources -- energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy. This is the path for affordable, reliable and low carbon energy.”

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy is proud to partner with [CDP](#), [Ceres](#), [C2ES](#), [Environmental Defense Fund](#), [Environmental Entrepreneurs](#), [The B Team](#), [The Climate Group](#), [We Mean Business](#), and [World Wildlife Fund \(WWF\)](#) on this statement.

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