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U.S. Industry Delegation to Promote American Clean Energy Solutions at U.N. Climate Change Conference

Readily-available, low-carbon technologies can help countries achieve more ambitious targets

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) will lead a delegation of its industry members to the 25th Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

WHEN: December 2 - 13, 2019
WHERE: Madrid, Spain
WHY: The Council will participate in COP 25 to highlight the rapid and sweeping transformation that is occurring in the energy sector. The increasing body of data from the scientific community shows that this transformation must accelerate across all sectors of the global economy to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

The Council will advocate for governments to deliver robust and transparent carbon accounting rules under Article 6 to govern market-based mechanisms for international cooperation. These rules will accelerate private sector investment to help countries meet their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and take on more ambitious targets. As technology prices continue to drop, the world is well-equipped to make the necessary emissions reductions. Read more about the Council’s position and priorities for COP 25 in this brief Powering Impact: Clean Energy Solutions for COP 25.

BCSE President Lisa Jacobson offers the following comment on the goals of COP 25:

"Businesses and governments around the world are building momentum for climate impact through collaboration, coalitions and campaigns across sectors. These partnerships, some of which will be presented at COP 25, show that embracing a diverse portfolio of clean energy solutions helps countries meet their Nationally Determined Contributions, enhance resilience, and create new jobs and inclusive pathways of growth. While progress is being made, data coming from the scientific community indicates that much more needs to be done.

"The emissions reduction targets under the Paris Agreement require every sector of the economy to participate. Our members develop and deploy cost-effective low- and zero-carbon technologies and services that allow significant efficiency improvements and rapid emissions reductions. Based on these offerings, more ambitious climate targets are achievable with the technology that we have today."

BCSE EVENTS: BCSE will host several public events that will share US business experiences and discuss the key issues under consideration at the two-week conference. Information on the Council’s delegation, schedule of events and highlights of business members’ climate actions is available here: www.bcse.org/cop25.
WATCH FOR: A BCSE press conference on December 9, from 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm CET, in Room 2, Mocha, Hall 4, and available via live-webcast or on demand at UNFCCC website.

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BCSE is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, equipment manufacturers, and environmental and energy market service providers. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit www.bcse.org and download Sustainable Energy in America Factbook 2019 edition for the latest industry information.