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I-REN and Energy Leaders Gather in Riverside

RIVERSIDE, CA – The Inland Empire/Desert Regional Consortium (IEDRC) and Inland Regional Energy Network (I-REN) hosted their third annual Energy & Infrastructure Sector Showcase on March 19 at the Riverside Convention Center. With over 100 workforce stakeholders, this was the most attended showcase so far and included representatives from community colleges, K-12 schools, utilities, businesses, workforce development boards, and municipalities.

Representatives from the California Public Utilities Commission, California Community Colleges' Chancellor's Office, RE+, San Bernardino Community College District, Inland Economic Growth & Opportunity, Voltu Motors, TEC, local workforce development boards, I-REN, and Colton Joint Unified School District discussed various energy opportunities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Topics included the impact of Vision 2030 on the energy sector; advancements in hydrogen vehicle and infrastructure technology; and developments in workforce partnerships and opportunities for future investments. Additionally, the event spotlighted a recent "Cash for Kilowatts" sponsored energy-efficiency project at the Colton Joint Unified School District.

"We are thrilled to see such a diverse and engaged group of stakeholders come together to discuss the future of energy and infrastructure in our region," said Casey Dailey, Director of Energy & Environmental Programs—Western Riverside Council of Governments.

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About I-REN

I-REN is a partnership between the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), and San Bernardino Council of Governments (SBCOG), based on our shared belief in saving energy and increasing equity for residents, businesses, and local governments throughout the Inland Empire region. We connect local governments, the workforce, and other stakeholders to a wide range of energy efficiency resources to empower local communities and ensure a thriving future clean energy economy. For more information, please visit iren.gov.

We are a network of partners, including the Coachella Valley Association of Governments, the San Bernardino Council of Governments, and the Western Riverside Council of Governments, formed to serve the cities and communities of our region.

