

LABOR IN THE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY
8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY MAY 18
CROWN PLAZA CITY CENTER

**Featuring: Opening Keynote Speaker
U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown**

**Other speakers include:
Ohio AFL-CIO President Joe Rugola
Change to Win Executive Director Chris Chafe
North Shore Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO Executive Secretary
Harriet Applegate
National AFL-CIO Green Jobs Center Director Jeff Rickert**

Leaders from the Teamsters, Steelworkers, Laborers, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) will describe how these unions and their members are forging good jobs in green markets in unionized workplaces.

Pictures from the Conference:



Agenda

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:45 a.m. **Welcome**
Pam Rosado, Policy Matters Ohio

9:00 a.m. **Opening Keynote**
U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown is the leading national voice insisting that green jobs must be good jobs and the new green economy must accommodate unions and tap into the manufacturing base in Ohio. In this opening keynote, he'll discuss how a new, green economy can work for Ohio.

9:30 a.m. Morning Plenary

Our economy has already changed and will keep changing - energy will cost more, the recession will kill some jobs, the stimulus will create other new ones. New green jobs are here: that much is clear. Will they be good jobs? Will labor be at the table? This first panel will get us to "yes" on both of those questions.

Joel Yudken, High Road Strategies
L. Josh Bivens, Economic Policy Institute
Jeff Rickert, AFL-CIO, Green Jobs Center Director
Moderator: Amy Hanauer, Policy Matters Ohio

11:00 a.m. Concurrent Morning Workshops

A: Workforce Development

It is essential that workers receive new training to be ready for the green economy. How can labor be at the forefront? Learn how to ensure that apprenticeship programs incorporate green training; create a green training pipeline into union membership; provide cross training to incumbent workers; help displaced union members get retrained for new union jobs in emerging fields; and tap new workforce dollars. This session will provide insight on what's being done and how Ohio unions can tap into money available.

Steve Lipster , Electrical Trades Center, IBEW
Piet van Lier , Policy Matters Ohio
Andrew Maciejewski, Ohio Apprenticeship Council and IBEW
Moderator: Satya Rhodes-Conway, Center on Wisconsin Strategy

B. Federal clean energy policy

Our nation is moving rapidly towards a clean energy economy. Federal level policy revolves around clean energy and green jobs. This panel will give an overview of legislation that's moving now and how Labor can engage to get the most out of it.

John Ryan, Office of Senator Sherrod Brown
Ron Ruggiero, Apollo Alliance
Jeff Rickert, AFL-CIO Green Jobs Center Director
Moderator: Wendy Patton, Policy Matters Ohio

12:30 p.m. Lunch - Speaker: Chris Chafe, Executive Director of Change to Win

1:30 p.m. Concurrent Afternoon Workshops

A. Good, Green Jobs

Clean energy and energy efficiency policies and projects have produced good union jobs in Ohio

B. State clean energy policy

Ohio is going green. This panel will give an overview of legislation

and America. Hear speakers from four locals describe where. Discuss how we can help ensure more of the same.

Melissa Campbell, Steeworkers

Laborers

Sonny Nardi, President of Teamsters Local 416 and Bob Hopkins, President of Empire Die Casting

Ron Ruggiero, Apollo Alliance

Moderator: Sara LeTourneau, Ohio Blue Green Alliance.

already in place to drive Ohio's new energy economy, state programs that are moving now and how Labor can engage to get the most out of it.

State Rep. Mike Foley

Shanelle Smith, Ohio Apollo Alliance

Kim Gibson, Assistant to Governor Strickland's Energy Advisor

Moderator: Amanda Woodrum, Policy Matters Ohio

3:00 p.m. Closing Discussion

What are the next steps for labor in Ohio? How can labor secure a seat at the table as our policymakers transition Ohio and our nation to the new green economy? How can we work to ensure green jobs are also good jobs that help build the ranks of union membership? Ohio's top union leaders will describe their vision and our moderator will engage the audience in an interactive closing conversation about where we go from here, drawing on the expertise from all the day's workshops and panels.

Harriet Applegate, Secretary Treasurer, North Shore Federation of Labor

Joe Rugola, President, Ohio AFL-CIO

Moderator: Amy Hanauer, Policy Matters Ohio

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