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Over 150 businesses urge Congress to continue funding critical energy efficiency programs

Businesses respond to budget proposal slashing key programs at Environmental Protection Agency

WASHINGTON, DC—More than 150 businesses have signed on to a [stakeholder letter](#) urging Congress to continue to fund the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Combined Heat and Power Partnership (CHP Partnership) and other critical federal energy efficiency programs.

The CHP Partnership seeks to increase the efficiency of energy production by promoting CHP systems that produce both heat and electricity from a single fuel source. Currently, the voluntary program benefits 405 partners, including many businesses, developers, and state and local governments. The CHP Partnership also helps ensure that CHP technology—a vital tool for reducing energy costs at U.S. factories and other large facilities—gets appropriate consideration in the EPA's clean energy planning.

“Cutting the CHP Partnership would undermine efforts to make U.S. manufacturers more efficient and competitive, increase the reliability of the electric grid, and lower emissions,” said Jennifer Kefer, executive director of the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, which organized the stakeholder letter. “CHP systems can keep the lights and power on at hospitals, factories and universities during extreme storms. Without the CHP Partnership, these facilities would have a much harder time identifying opportunities for cost-effective investments in clean, reliable CHP systems.”

More than 150 companies have signed the letter. Below are statements from some of the signatories:

“The CHP Partnership is an effective market tool to support the deployment of combined heat and power systems. CHP is a reliable and resilient resource for communities, businesses, higher education, healthcare and the public sector. The CHP Partnership connects stakeholders and provides valuable information to developers, facility owners, utilities and public agencies.” - Michael T. Bakas, executive vice president of **Ameresco**

“Blue Sky Power cannot overstate the value of the CHP Partnership. Not only does it provide us with invaluable industry knowledge and essential energy policy updates, but it has connected us to other partners with whom we've been able to improve the energy sustainability, resiliency, security and efficiency of the nation.” – Benjamin S. Parvey, CEO of **Blue Sky Power**

“In 2016, Broad USA supplied a key system component to the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Maryland, which has helped save the University \$300,000 in annual energy costs. The CHP Partnership helped shine a spotlight on this project by awarding it an Energy Star CHP Award. That, in turn, has raised awareness and helped it to become a model for other institutions to follow. In fact, Richmond University Medical Center in Staten Island New York will be installing a similar system later this year. By openly sharing successful project designs, the CHP Partnership helps others reduce operational costs and save energy around the country.”— Sunny Wang, general manager, **Broad USA**

“Commonwealth is proud of its membership in the CHP Partnership and values the relationships and business opportunities we enjoy as a result of our involvement. The Partnership drives awareness of the potential for, and benefits of, this sustainable technology among our clients and potential clients in the utility, municipal, industrial, and institutional

space. As a firm committed to influencing and shaping the secure energy future, CHP is a priority for us and the CHP Partnership is invaluable.” – Gary S. Bernstein, P.E., vice president and chief marketing officer of **Commonwealth Associates, Inc.**

“CV Energy Developers are very supportive of industry partnerships to achieve the common goal of bringing the environmental and efficiency benefits of CHP to a wider audience. The CHP partnership is a very effective organization at disseminating key information to make us more effective in our sales campaigns.” – Ian MacKinnon, Co-founder of **CV Energy developers LLC**

“As a member since 2007, we have utilized the CHP Partnership as a resource for information on current and proposed regulations. The Partnership allows owners, developers, financial entities and governmental entities to provide systems which improve efficiencies of operations and reduces net overall environmental emissions.” – Mike Kemp, president of **HCS Group, Inc.**

“We’re a proud member of the CHP Partnership. The Partnership is a go-to resource for information about state policies that help support CHP across the United States. This helps potential hosts identify opportunities to invest in CHP technology, and makes us more competitive in the marketplace.” – Sam Henry, president of **Horizon Power Systems**

“Partnering with the CHP Partnership promotes our clients and communities because CHP supports environmental stewardship through increased efficiency, economic benefits through savings, and reliability and resiliency as a distributed energy resource. The single most common obstacle to CHP development has been education, and the CHP Partnership has excelled at providing educational resources.” – Jeffrey A. Franklin **Prince Law Offices, P.C.**

“Partnering with EPA demonstrates our company’s commitment to CHP and our understanding of CHP’s environmental, economic, and reliability benefits. We are happy to be part of a coalition of private and public partners working to expand CHP use.” – Jeff Worley, Engineering Solutions, sales manager of **Schneider Electric**

“We joined the CHP Partnership because of its networking benefits. Joining the Partnership has connected us to more than 400 other businesses and organizations that recognize the value of CHP – just like we do.” – Jeffrey Glick, Vice President of **Tecogen**

“CHP is still an unknown to many potential customers. The CHP Partnership’s work has been key in ensuring that the economic, environmental, and reliability benefits of CHP are understood and implemented as part of company, state and national energy strategies.” – Paul Glenister, president & CEO of **2G Energy Inc.**

The **Alliance for Industrial Efficiency** is a diverse coalition of business, contractor, labor and academic organizations committed to advancing industrial energy efficiency through state and federal policy.

AMERESCO, Inc. is an independent provider of comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions; ranging from upgrades to a facility’s energy infrastructure to the development, construction and operation of renewable energy plants. With offices throughout North America and the UK, AMERESCO works with customers on both sides of the meter to reduce operating expenses, upgrade and maintain facilities, stabilize energy costs, improve occupancy comfort levels, increase energy reliability and enhance the environment.

Blue Sky Power develops, finances, and operates clean energy infrastructure projects across the United States. Blue Sky Power specializes in developing resilient and sustainable microgrids, CHP, solar, and energy storage serving governmental, large institutional and commercial entities.

Broad USA Inc. is a privately held company headquartered in New Jersey supporting the sales and service to our customers in North America. Broad USA provides absorption chillers for CHP systems across the United States. Broad absorbers are currently operating successfully in over 80 countries with over 35,000 installations worldwide. Broad is the world's largest manufacturer of absorption chillers ranging in size up to 3,300 tons.

Commonwealth Associates, Inc., is headquartered in Jackson, Michigan, with offices coast-to-coast. It is an *EC&M* magazine 2017 Top 10 Engineering Design Firm proudly serving utilities, government, industrial leaders, and some of the world's most prestigious academic, research, and healthcare institutions. Commonwealth is committed to influencing and shaping the secure energy future through unique, sustainable, and mutually beneficial solutions with its valued partners.

CV Energy Developers is located in Southern California. The company helps its clients understand the high cost of using the local utility and identifies processes and technologies to reduce the cost of their facilities energy bills. CHP is a key component of this strategy.

HCS Group, Inc. provides feasibility evaluations, engineering/design and construction management (EPCm) to assist clients in reducing both operating expenses and environmental emissions for energy intensive facilities located throughout the United States.

Horizon Power Systems distributes Capstone CHP microturbine applications throughout Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. From application, design and fabrication to lifetime service, the Horizon Power Systems team has a history of delivering reliable systems that meet or exceed emissions regulations and have logged millions of documented runtime operating hours.

Prince Law Offices is a Pennsylvania-based law firm which has facilitated CHP and other energy project financing and development. Its regulatory practice covers all legal aspects of energy, electric, gas, wind, solar, storage and other renewable and alternative energy. It assists clients with real estate, zoning, land use, building permits, easement and rights of way, condemnation, ratemaking, mergers and acquisitions, financing, complaints, taxes, wells, transmission lines, substations, CHP, smart meters, commercial scale wind farms, solar facilities, pipelines, and more. Prince Law Offices, P.C. is a *Best Law Firm* for Energy Law by U.S. News and Best Lawyers.

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Tecogen is the original designer of packaged CHP equipment. For over three decades, Tecogen has pioneered the development of efficient, reliable and clean technologies for on-site energy production. With over 2,800 units shipped, the company has an industry-leading reputation for delivering quality, technically superior products that reduce energy costs, cut greenhouse gas emissions and alleviate congestion on the national power grid.

2G Energy Inc., a subsidiary of 2G Energy AG in Germany, is a renowned CHP cogeneration specialist offering best-in-class cogeneration systems for natural and biogas in the 50 to 2,000 kW power range. The 2G Energy Inc. U.S headquarters was founded in 2009 in St. Augustine, Florida, and has steadily grown to now include their own manufacturing facilities.