



U.S. PROGRAM FACT SHEET

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The U.S. Clean Energy Education & Empowerment (C3E) program aims to recognize and build a community of women leaders in the field of clean energy across diverse sectors. It is led by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Energy Initiative (MITEI) and the Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy. This program delivers on the U.S. commitment to the international C3E initiative, which was launched at the first Clean Energy Ministerial in July 2010 in recognition of the fact that the ideas and talents of all members of society are essential to meeting the clean energy challenges of the future. The current participants of the C3E initiative are China, Japan, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Each has committed to undertake meaningful activities to advance women in clean energy and close the gender gap in its own national context, linking efforts whenever possible.

- I. **AMBASSADORS:** The U.S. C3E Ambassadors are a group of 39 distinguished senior professionals who share an interest in strengthening the recruitment, retention, and advancement of highly qualified women in the clean energy field. Serving rotating terms, they are role models for the next generation who champion the C3E initiative's success and raise its visibility. Ambassadors also serve as a nomination review panel for the C3E Awards. The U.S. Ambassadors are part of the International C3E Ambassador Corps launched at the fifth Ministerial in Korea in May 2014.
- II. **AWARDS:** The C3E Awards recognize mid-career women leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and accomplishments in clean energy across diverse fields. Nominations are accepted at C3Eawards.org. Awards are given in eight categories including Advocacy, Business, Education, Entrepreneurship, Government, International, Law & Finance, and Research. Since 2012, 28 mid-career women have been recognized, and eight mid-career awardees will be honored at the fifth annual symposium. Awards are given by the MITEI and the Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy at the annual symposium, along with a cash gift of \$8,000.
- III. **SYMPOSIUM:** The C3E Women in Clean Energy Symposium is an annual professional conference that brings together women working in the sector from across the country. MITEI and Stanford Precourt Institute for Energy collaborate on the annual symposium with DOE and will alternate hosting the event as part of their shared commitment to C3E. Together, they are building a strong and interconnected network of women in clean energy. A graduate student poster competition is also held, and selected undergraduate students are invited to present lightning presentations.
- IV. **C3ENET:** With more than 840 members to date, the C3enet.org online community forum enables women working in the clean energy sector around the world to connect in order to share information, insight, and inspiration.



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