

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROGRESS  
FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE  
UNITED STEELWORKERS UNION  
AND THE  
AMERICAN WIND ENERGY ASSOCIATION  
TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF WIND ENERGY IN AMERICA  
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America faces numerous challenges, including an economy recovering from enormous financial shocks that resulted in millions of lost jobs, a devastated manufacturing sector, an increasing dependence on foreign sources of energy and insufficient progress in confronting the impact of climate change. Accelerating the deployment of alternative and renewable energy production and enhancing domestic supply chains for this industry can provide the opportunity to address these challenges. Wind energy is one of the key ingredients in this effort and, with the proper combination of incentives and commitments, can create the foundation for a new economic growth and employment agenda while also enhancing our energy and environmental future.

The United Steelworkers Union, the largest industrial union in North America and the American Wind Energy Association, representing the vast majority of companies in the wind energy sector, join in creating a Partnership for Progress. We jointly recognize that the deployment of wind energy facilities are vital to this nation's energy security, but that deployment must be linked, to the maximum extent practicable, with the development and utilization of domestically-produced materials, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM), and component parts. In this way clean energy and good jobs will go hand in hand. AWEA and the USW will work together toward achieving that goal. The basic components of this Partnership are outlined below and will be expanded in the near future to establish a specific joint USW/AWEA comprehensive action agenda:

- 1 Commitment to work cooperatively to advance a comprehensive public policy agenda that will create the long-term certainty needed to dramatically expand the deployment of wind energy across the country and enhance the ability of OEM's and component manufacturers with domestic operations to meet the growing needs of the industry;
- 1 Commitment to aggressive development and utilization of OEM's and suppliers with domestic operations to ensure energy and employment security. Results-oriented targets will be agreed upon to ensure that existing and new sources of supply located here grow, over time, to further enhance our nation's energy security and assist in our nation's economic recovery.
- 1 Commitment to the establishment of an inventory of existing sources of supply and joint identification of opportunities to promote new sources of supply located domestically to address gaps in the supply chain. Periodic assessments to measure the success of the Partnership will be conducted to ensure that jointly developed goals are being achieved.
- 1 Commitment to jointly develop training programs to ensure that workers needed in the industry have the skills necessary to meet the growing needs of the entire sector – from wind energy production to the domestic manufacturing base needed to supply the industry. This will also include joint efforts to ensure that suppliers have the capacity as well as the standards of excellence needed to meet the sector's needs.