

Energy Independence

America must implement a bold energy strategy to maintain our economic competitiveness, strengthen our national security, and help combat global warming. A vibrant and skilled workforce combined with clean energy technologies will be the economic engine of the 21st century and create new, high-paying jobs.

To achieve this goal, we will:

- Strengthen our national commitment to energy research and innovation. Create a new DARPA-like initiative to provide the talent and resources for the research and development of high-risk, high-reward energy technologies, and attract investment for the next generation of revolutionary technologies.
- Reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Expand production and distribution of clean domestically-produced fuels with an emphasis on cellulosic ethanol.
- Expand and extend long-term renewable energy incentives to spur the development and adoption of new energy technologies and to signal that there is a market that will support them.

Enhance technology-driven energy efficiency. Save energy to help consumers and businesses cope with high energy bills, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the health of our planet, and strengthen our economy by generating American jobs and capital investment.