

"Technology and innovation are providing an opportunity for Americans to take control of their energy future... Advanced energy encompasses a range of products and services, but they all contribute to a smarter energy future. That is why we speak with a single voice for the potential of advanced energy to bring jobs and economic growth to Arkansas now and in the future."

-Gary McChesney,
Chief Technology Officer of
FutureFuel Chemical Co. and
Chairman of the Board of AAEA



Nordex USA Plant Floor in Jonesboro, AR

"The breadth of businesses comprising the advanced energy sector is impressive...many of our long-time members are finding new customers and new products to offer in this emerging part of Arkansas's economy."

-Randy Zook,
President & CEO of the Arkansas
State Chamber of Commerce

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ENERGY ASSOCIATION

Dedicated to growing Arkansas's economy by expanding our energy workforce and manufacturing base through the increased development, manufacture, and utilization of advanced energy technologies.



What is advanced energy?

In Arkansas, advanced energy includes energy efficient buildings, energy efficient farm solutions, biofuels and bio-products, compressed natural gas, wind, solar, geothermal, nuclear and hydroelectric technologies. These industries produce energy savings, use resources more productively, reduce dependence on foreign oil and reduce health and environmental costs.



Who are AAEA Members?

The AAEA is a unique blend of manufacturers, energy providers, entrepreneurs, small business owners, educators, researchers, consultants, service providers and public officials whose common interest and expertise focuses on advanced energy development and economic expansion in Arkansas.

Arkansas Advanced Energy Association

The AAEA, and its educational affiliate, the Arkansas Advanced Energy Foundation (AAEF) have combined forces to enter a void where no organization currently exists to represent a disparate energy sector in Arkansas and support advanced energy manufacture, service and technology.

Advanced energy as an economic development opportunity is a relatively new concept. Until recently, this sector has focused almost entirely on regulatory and environmental issues and was not thought of as a job creator. However, Arkansas companies throughout the advanced energy sector are demonstrating vibrant job growth.

The AAEA seeks collaborations with public and private partners that can help achieve our mission.



AAEF promotes greater public understanding of advanced energy in Arkansas through research, public education programs and economic and workforce development. The Foundation is dedicated to informing the energy policy debate with well-researched, fact-based data on the advanced energy economy in Arkansas and providing a public forum where state leaders can address Arkansas's energy challenges for the future.



FutureFuel Plant in Batesville, AR

REPORT: Employment in the Arkansas Advanced Energy Industry

More than 11,000 Arkansans are employed in the field of advanced energy, according to a report released by the Arkansas Advanced Energy Association in October 2012.

On the basis of a conservative assessment prepared for AAEA by the Advanced Energy Economy Institute (AEEI), the state is home to over 90 advanced energy companies across 22 advanced energy industry segments that collectively employ 11,337 Arkansans as of 2010.

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