

CAREERS IN ENERGY WEEK

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Thousands of people work every minute to provide power. YOU can be one of them. Make a difference by choosing a rewarding, well-paying and exciting energy career.

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***Careers in Energy Week* celebrated by statewide events Oct. 13 - 18**

There is a real demand for a tech-savvy workforce to support high-skill, high-wage jobs. The right education and training will provide men and women a rewarding, well-paying career that generates and delivers power to millions of people every day.

Governor Inslee and Centralia's Mayor have signed proclamations to increase awareness of rewarding careers and training opportunities within energy. For the fourth year, the Pacific Northwest Center of Excellence for Clean Energy (PNCECE), a Centralia College partnership, and the Washington State Labor Council are coordinating statewide events to support a national initiative, called Careers in Energy Week, to promote high-skill high-wage energy careers.

"The demand for highly skilled employees is real and is here right now," Troy Nutter, manager of operational training at Puget Sound Energy. "PSE has 50 openings representing 42 occupations; and like other utilities, we're challenged to find highly trained people to fill them."

Careers in Energy Week, Oct. 13 – 18, will engage students, parents, teachers, counselors and veterans in various activities throughout the state. Teachers will become apprentices for the day at Avista's Jack Stewart Training Center in Spokane October 15; an essay contest and an afterschool meet and greet event will be held at Spokane Valley Tech Oct. 16; and utility employees, such as Tacoma Power and Lewis County PUD, will participate in career fairs throughout the state.

“We’re proud to sponsor this fourth year of events, Barbara Hins-Turner, executive director of PNCECE said. “During this event, we’ve coordinated more events that have reached more people than any other state in the nation.”

The week offers an opportunity to reach out to K-20 students, faculty and parents about the energy industry and great careers it provides. It’s not an industry that students immediately think of when planning their futures (Centralia College graduates have earned \$15 - \$36 an hour in their first energy-related job – which may include an apprenticeship program).

Most energy-related jobs require an understanding of science, technology, engineering and math.

(see other attachments for events, sponsors and the governor’s proclamation)