Generating the Next Generation:
Community partnerships to create a clean energy future
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The Challenge
How do we inspire and prepare future energy workforce and consumers to engage in clean energy when energy is something not well understood by many and overlooked by most?

The Solution
Bridge the gap between renewable project developments installed on or around community and educational facilities and the innovative, career-connected education programs occurring in these facilities.

1 Think Beyond the Meter and into the Community
Energy procurement consultants, planners, and developers can differentiate their proposals by speaking directly to the needs of the local community.

Some ways to demonstrate this commitment include:
- Consider how a community benefits agreement may increase the value of your proposed renewable energy project
- Highlight how this line item for education is an integral part of the full project – rather than as an option or add-on.

2 Develop Meaningful Partnerships
Solar developers and utilities in Oregon linked over 8MW of solar projects with teacher training and leadership development, durable science kits, and solar industry volunteers in the classroom to expose thousands of area students to potential career pathways in renewable energy.

3 Empower Students to Create a Clean Energy Future
Impactful education leads to solutions for the future by preparing the next generation of clean energy leaders.

The Future: Interconnections
Renewable energy can be deployed in a manner that not only connects to grid systems, but to the educational systems that build the pipeline of industry talent.