



American Association of Blacks in Energy Announces Energy Principles on Key Issues of Climate Change, Energy Efficiency, and Renewable Resources

Washington D.C. – The American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE), the nation’s leading advocate for minority involvement in energy issues, policies, and technologies has released its positions on general energy policy, climate change, energy efficiency, and renewable resources.

AABE’s Legislative Issues and Public Policy Committee developed these important principles to guide AABE’s proactive involvement on critical issues in the public policy debate. The way that Congress, the states, and local governments address these issues will have a significant impact on low-income, disabled, elderly, and minority consumers.

AABE’s founders understood the strong correlation among energy resource development, economic growth, and expanding opportunities for underrepresented minorities to participate more fully in the U.S. economy. Today AABE remains a leading voice in supporting the interests of minorities in the formulation of national and international energy policy.

“As we move toward a national response to climate change, as we endeavor to improve our energy security, and as we accelerate the development and deployment of the newest technologies to reduce green house gas emissions and enhance energy efficiency, it is essential that the minority community’s views be carefully considered in the formation of our national energy, environmental, and economic policies,” said Frank M. Stewart, President of AABE.

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AABE was founded in 1977 and is largely comprised of African-American professionals in energy-related careers. AABE currently has 36 chapters across the country with over 1,200 members.

AABE performs as an active voice to and for the minority community by serving as a resource on energy and environmental issues; identifying how these issues affect our communities; encouraging the public and private sectors to be responsive to the problems, goals, and inspirations of African-Americans; and supporting young adults by providing scholarships to minority high school students pursuing advanced education in energy-related fields.

AABE's Principles are attached. To find out more about AABE, please visit our website at <http://www.aabe.org>.

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