

News Release

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Energy Institute welcomes UK Government's low carbon roadmap

The Energy Institute (EI), the leading professional membership body for energy professionals, welcomes the recent publication of the UK Government's Low Carbon Transition Plan and its accompanying strategy documents which set out ambitious targets with its clearest indication yet of how a move to a low carbon economy can be achieved.

Louise Kingham FEI FRSA, Chief Executive, Energy Institute, says, 'We welcome the publication of the various documents today which set out Government's roadmap to make the transition to a low carbon economy. The energy industry and all of us with an informed understanding of the energy system are key to making these plans come to life. The Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) has asked the EI and other key organisations to support implementation and we welcome the opportunity to work with Ministers and officials to do what we can and bring them closer to the assistance energy professionals can provide.'

At the Minister's briefing meeting last week, prior to today's launch, the EI was asked to scope the work needed to define and respond to the skills challenge implicit in making the transition to a low carbon economy. The EI intends to work with partners across the energy and skills communities to define this work for the Minister in the coming months and would welcome contact with organisations that would like to contribute to this work (email: lkingham@energyinst.org).

James Smith CBE FEI, President, Energy Institute, adds, 'Technology underpins the low carbon roadmap and the Energy Institute supports the vital skills base for delivery.'

The EI has a unique and central role as the only professional body and learned society concentrated on the energy system and the energy challenge we face in the context of climate change. The EI will continue to focus on developing and promoting industry good practice and professionalism, which will in turn build capacity, supporting the development of people and organisations who understand and can solve our energy challenge.

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Notes to editor: With a membership of over 14,000 individuals and 300 organisations across 100 countries, the Energy Institute (EI) is the leading chartered professional membership body for those studying and working in energy. Providing a powerful platform to engage business and industry, government, academia and the public, the EI promotes the safe, environmentally responsible and efficient supply and use of energy in all its forms and applications. In fulfilling this purpose the EI addresses the depth and breadth of energy and the energy system, from upstream and downstream hydrocarbons and other primary fuels and renewables, to power generation, transmission and distribution to sustainable development, demand side management and energy efficiency. Offering learning and networking opportunities to support career development, the EI provides a network to all those working in energy, and a scientific and technical bank of knowledge for industry. For further information, please visit www.energyinst.org