



NV Energy invests in sustainability initiative

NV Energy has added a major commitment to the University of Nevada, Reno's Renewable Energy Program and sustainability initiative. The company pledged \$500,000 over two years for programmatic support. This \$500,000 commitment brings NV Energy's investment in renewable energy at the University to \$1 million from 2007 to 2011.

The University's renewable energy program and sustainability initiative are a joint collaboration among all the colleges at Nevada, but particularly Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources; Business; Engineering and Science. This collaboration also includes partnerships with the Desert Research Institute, UNLV and Truckee Meadows Community College.

"The NV Energy gift will be used to support the development of competitiveness in the power program in electrical and biomedical engineering," says Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering. "This program provides the technical expertise required to address issues related to the nation's power distribution grid, which is a very important aspect for developing practical renewable energy solutions. It will also be used to assist with the development

of a renewable energy center and a broad sustainability collaborative at the University, which can then partner with other Nevada System of Higher Education Institutions."

"Our University has expertise that makes it well qualified to address these issues and improve the quality of lives for the residents of our state, the nation and the world," Maragakis adds. "Collaboration with other NSHE institutions will strengthen our capabilities and achievements. Some of the gift funds will be used to strengthen the competitiveness of our young faculty and students in renewable energy, enhance our educational programs in this area and promote the use of the Redfield Campus in south Reno."

With the help of community partners like NV Energy, the University will continue to be a showpiece of environmental leadership by demonstrating smart, sensible and creative actions and research that promote the vision of sustainability.

For more information on supporting renewable energy and sustainability efforts at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Melanie Perish, director of development for the College of Engineering, at (775) 784-6433 or mperish@unr.edu.



NV Energy and the Nell J. Redfield Foundation are partners working with the University of Nevada, Reno and other NSHE institutions in teaching, research and outreach critical to renewable energy and sustainability. ABOVE: Mary Simmons, vice president of external affairs at NV Energy, Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering, Milton Glick, University president, Marc Johnson, University provost, and Gerald Smith, trustee of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation.



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