## Powering Pennsylvania:

Energy and Economic Development in the Commonwealth

Adam Walters, PA Department of Community and Economic Development

W&J Energy Symposium October 21, 2025



## **Economic Development Strategy.**

#### 20 years since the last plan

- Position Pennsylvania as premier state to do business
- Invest, innovate, and move at the speed of business
- Five priority sectors with competitive advantages
  - Opportunities to accelerate our existing leadership
  - Energy is a priority sector



## **Priority Sectors.**

Positioning Pennsylvania for future success.

We are placing a statewide emphasis on five priority sectors to focus our efforts to develop attractive sites, update our economic development toolkit, and create workforce programs for next-gen workers.



Agriculture.



Energy.



Life Sciences.



Manufacturing.

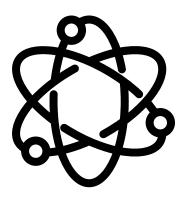


**Robotics & Technology.** 

### **Current Status: Energy Powerhouse.**

#### Abundant energy resources

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest energy exporter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in natural gas production
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest power generation fleet
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> largest nuclear power generating state
  - Nuclear industry supply chain leader



#### Opportunities for economic growth in various sectors

Investments in energy infrastructure is key to sustainable growth

## PA DCED's Work in Energy.

- Energy-enabled investment is focus of business attraction efforts
- Redeveloping legacy energy infrastructure
  - Playbooks for coal-fired power plants
  - Characterized site redevelopment possibilities
- PA SITES
  - \$400 million
  - Increase pad-ready site inventory
  - \$113.6 million invested to date



### An Uncertain National Energy Landscape.

- Shifting federal priorities
  - Rollback of federal funding puts energy jobs and investments at risk
- Rapidly increasing energy demand
  - Demand for power from new Al infrastructure outpacing supply
- Tough questions without easy answers









# Governor Josh Shapiro's Lightning Plan.

- Six-point legislative proposal
- "All of the Above" strategy
- Create energy jobs
- Reduce costs for consumers
- Build new generation capacity



#### PA Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE)

- Tax credits for critical sectors
- Reliable Energy Investment, Clean Hydrogen, Sustainable Aviation Fuel

#### Reliable Energy Siting and Electric Transition (RESET) Board

- Statewide authority to site key energy projects
- One of 12 states without statewide approval body

# **Energy-Related Manufacturing in PA.**

#### **PMF** Industries

Hydrogen storage cylinders

#### Verne Inc.

 Compressed, high-pressure hydrogen storage vessels

#### Mitsubishi Electric Power Products

Advanced switchgear factory

#### Hanwa Philly Shipyard

Maritime vessels that service the global energy industry





### **Energy as Enabler of Al Investment.**

- AWS \$20 billion commitment for AI campuses in Pennsylvania
- Constellation recommissioning in Crane Clean Energy Center
- New life for former coal-fired power plant sites
  - Homer City Redevelopment
  - Shippingport Industrial Park

The level and range of prospective energy investments necessitates an all-hands-on-deck approach to maximizing the benefits for Pennsylvania.

## PENNSYLVANIA GETS IT DONE.

**Adam Walters, Senior Energy Advisor** 

PA Department of Community and Economic Development