



Guiding Policy Principles

2017

Rising Sun's mission is to empower individuals to achieve environmental and economic sustainability for themselves and their communities. To best serve that mission, beginning in 2017, Rising Sun is engaging in a robust effort in the policy arena. The organization has identified six policy principles that will guide the organization's policy advocacy agenda. This transformation will create strong green career opportunities with pathways to the middle class for low-income and disadvantaged communities while encouraging increased efforts in tackling climate change, further reducing environmental impacts on our communities.

Policy Principles

1. **Quality Jobs:** Expand access, quality, and quantity of green jobs for low-income and disadvantaged communities
2. **Equal Access to Investments:** Ensure that when government invests in clean energy technologies, energy efficiency, and other environmental investments, *all* low-income and disadvantaged communities directly benefit
3. **Workforce Development:** Support investment in green and construction workforce development for low-income and disadvantaged communities
4. **Youth Employment:** Support early employment opportunities and career training for low-income and disadvantaged youth to prepare them for green careers
5. **Residential Energy Efficiency:** Encourage the elimination of barriers to participation in residential energy efficiency programs
6. **Clean Technology Investment:** Further the adoption of clean technology through thoughtful government investment.