

13. What affect did Michigan's requirement that renewable energy be built in a defined geographic area have? What job growth is attributable to that requirement? What cost, reliability, and environmental impacts are attributable?

Michigan companies like Barton Malow, Aristeo, and Nova Consultants have been selected to construct and provide parts for utility scale wind farms and solar PV projects. A coal plant in the Upper Peninsula was converted to use locally sourced biomass fuel. There are manufacturing companies located in Michigan that have obtained certifications to provide utility-scale wind towers and turbine blades.

The Environmental Law & Policy Center released a study in April, 2011 reporting that there are 121 solar PV and 120 wind companies in Michigan's supply chain.

An update to the *Michigan Green Jobs Report 2009* is expected later this year. This report will provide needed information to help answer the question of job growth in Michigan's renewable energy sector.

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