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Retired Air Force colonel **Dave Belote** is an energy and defense consultant who has served as an installation commander, Pentagon senior executive, and energy developer. As commander of Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, Dave oversaw the then-largest solar photovoltaic array in North America; after his command, he created and was the first executive director of the Department of Defense Siting Clearinghouse—the "one-stop shop" for industry and Federal, State, and local government agencies to ensure utility-scale renewable energy and transmission projects are compatible with military operations and installations. After leaving the Pentagon, Dave led Federal business development for Apex Clean Energy; he now advises Apex, other renewable energy developers, and various state/municipal boards and chambers of commerce on Federal policy and legislative strategy. For his accomplishments across the public and private sectors, Dave earned two Bronze Stars and was recognized in 2013 by the Obama Administration as a White House Champion of Change: Veterans Advancing Clean Energy and Climate Security. He is also a five-time *Jeopardy!* champion.



Katharine M. Bond is Senior Policy Advisor for Strategy and Execution at Dominion and Executive Director of the Dominion Foundation. In this role she is the company's public policy lead on renewable energy. Katharine joined Dominion as an intern in 1999. She spent ten years in various financial planning roles ranging from mergers and acquisition analysis to budget consolidation and forecasting for Dominion Resources, Dominion Energy, and was named director of Financial and Business Services for the Services Company in 2007. She was named director of public policy and executive director of the Dominion Foundation in 2014. Katharine serves on the Board of Visitors of Longwood University, College Building Authority of Virginia, and the Solar Energy Development Authority of Virginia. She represents Dominion on the Energy Committee of the Virginia Manufacturers Association and as vice-chair of the Virginia Offshore Wind Coalition.

Katharine served on the Dominion Resources Services Diversity Council for eight years, most recently as its chairperson. She is an active community volunteer and serves on the Board of the Hanover Education Foundation and the Virginia Oral Health Coalition. She has also volunteered for Junior Achievement's Empowering through Ethics and Finance Park programs and served as a mentor through the Richmond City Middle School Renaissance program.

Katharine has a bachelor's degree in finance from the Longwood University and a master's degree in finance from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is a member of 2016 class of Lead Virginia.



Will Cleveland is a staff attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center based in Charlottesville, VA. Prior to joining SELC, he worked in Washington, DC and Charleston, SC on environmental litigation matters at two international law firms. At SELC Mr. Cleveland focuses on Virginia energy and climate change policy.

Mr. Cleveland is a graduate of Middlebury College, from which he received a BA in 2004 and a Master's degree in 2007. He graduated in 2009 from the University of Virginia School of Law, where he was a member of the Virginia Environmental Law Journal. During law school, Mr. Cleveland served as a judicial extern for the Hon. Sol Blatt Jr. of the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.



Andrew Foukal joined HelioSage Energy (now Coronal Energy) in 2009. As Vice President of Operations, Andrew manages the development efforts behind the company's 2 gigawatt utility-scale solar photovoltaic pipeline. With responsibilities including the management of the company's project development, engineering, and real estate teams, Andrew ensures Coronal Energy's projects

are developed in a cost-effective and risk-mitigated manner.

Andrew started his career as a construction supervisor and CAD engineer for Goetz Custom Boats, a manufacturer of custom racing yachts. Prior to joining Coronal Energy, Andrew also worked with Lux Research, an independent research and advisory firm providing strategic advice and ongoing intelligence for emerging technologies, including photovoltaics.

Andrew holds a BS in Physics from Bates College and a Masters in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of Virginia.



Sandy Reisky is Chief Executive Officer at Apex Clean Energy. Sandy's companies have developed more than \$4 billion of wind and solar facilities now operating or under construction in North America. He founded and was president of Greenlight Energy, a leading independent wind energy company that was acquired by BP in 2006. Sandy is also the founder of Axio Power, a utility-scale solar developer; and Columbia Power Technologies, a pioneer in wave energy technology. Sandy has a BS from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. Apex Clean Energy builds, owns, and operates utility-scale wind and solar power facilities. Last year, Apex

was the market leader in the United States, with 1,042 megawatts of new wind capacity installations, enough clean energy to supply the population of a city the size of Boston or San Francisco each year for the life of the facilities.

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John Warren was appointed by Governor McAuliffe as the agency head for the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy in August, 2015. DMME manages Virginia's mining and mineral extraction regulatory programs, renewable energy development and deployment programs, and geologic resource programs. With a focus on understanding Virginia's unique combination of natural resources, technology base, university and research capacity, and business and industry growth opportunities, DMME develops and executes long-term plans in support of the Virginia Energy Plan. John has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech and a Masters in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Not being his first stop at DMME, he also served as the State Energy Office Director from 2001 to 2008. In this position, he directed the administration of DOE's State Energy Program and the deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. In between his DMME roles, Mr. Warren most recently served on the U.S. management team for Green Biologics, an emerging renewable chemicals company engaged in building U.S. based production plants and making the transition from pilot and demonstration-scale success. Duties included securing financial instruments, licensing, permitting, utilities, and project management. John also served in similar capacities in the renewable fuels industry, providing regulatory, government relations, market and business development expertise.

With Governor McAuliffe's strong interest in renewable energy, DMME's activities in solar and wind have increased significantly. Momentum is mounting and success stories are becoming more frequent. DMME is excited about the progress the industry is making and looks forward to being a partner in the ongoing growth of the industry in Virginia.