



## **EFI and NASEO Respond to the Potential Impact of COVID-19 on U.S. Energy Employment**

Washington, D.C. (March 27, 2020) – The EFI-NASEO team responds to the potential impact of COVID-19 on the US energy employment landscape for the remainder of 2020:

“For the last five years the energy sector has created jobs 50% faster than the rest of economy. Once we’ve defeated COVID-19, let’s put Americans back to work by modernizing our energy systems.” – **David Foster, Distinguished Associate, Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) & Lead Author of the 2020 U.S. Energy & Employment Report (USEER)**

“The 2020 USEER provides critical data that enables us to track how COVID-19 is impacting various segments of the energy economy and identify immediate opportunities to get Americans back to work as quickly as possible.” – **Philip Jordan, Vice President, BW Research Partnership, which collected the data for the USEER**

“The impacts of COVID-19 are devastating, and we remain focused on the health and wellbeing of all Americans as the top priority. At the same time, it is important to begin thinking about how to best help our nation’s economy recover by putting people back to work, in high-paying jobs like those in the energy sector.

We believe that recovery investments with the greatest potential economic development impact for America’s future will be those that prioritize equitable and sustainable energy solutions. Energy and climate investments and the nation’s 8.3 million energy jobs are a key part of the COVID-19 recovery solution.” – **David Terry, Executive Director, National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)**