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Explora Partners with Pattern Energy to Inspire the Next Generation of Energy Leaders

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — Explora, the science center and children's museum in Albuquerque, in partnership with Pattern Energy, has launched an expanded Renewable Energy Teacher Workshop and Student Program Series to bring hands-on renewable energy education to communities across New Mexico. Through a \$20,000 Community Renewable Energy Sponsorship, Pattern Energy is supporting programs in Moriarty, Vaughn, and Las Vegas that help teachers and students connect classroom science to clean energy careers.

The series includes professional development workshops for teachers, renewable energy camps for middle and high school students, and a series of *Classroom Explorations* with hands-on, materials-rich activities facilitated by Explora educators at schools, bringing these opportunities directly to students in their communities. Through these programs, Explora and Pattern Energy introduce students to the growing field of wind technology.

"Explora's mission is to contribute to family and community prosperity by making STEAM learning accessible, inspiring, and relevant for every student and educator in New Mexico," said Nyra Klawer, Director of Development and External Relations at Explora. "Partnering with Pattern Energy and NM MESA helps teachers connect classroom science to clean-energy career pathways that will shape our state's future workforce." Pattern Energy's collaboration with Explora builds on its long-term

commitment to supporting education, workforce development, and economic growth across New Mexico.

Early feedback from teacher participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Teachers shared that they gained new ideas for hands-on activities with renewable energy and immediately saw how to bring those lessons to life in their classrooms and afterschool programs. Many have already asked to be notified of future workshops, a clear sign of the growing enthusiasm for renewable energy education across New Mexico.

“Pattern Energy is proud to invest in programs that not only spark curiosity but also open doors to real opportunities for young people,” said Sarah McCall, Public Engagement Manager for Pattern Energy in New Mexico. “These workshops are about equipping teachers with tools and confidence to inspire the next generation of energy leaders in New Mexico.”

A participating teacher shared, “I loved the hands-on experience that our students would absolutely love and benefit from. It was exciting to discuss a phenomenon that directly affects our students. My favorite was constructing the model of a wind turbine! Thank you for your partnership and for the professional development.”

This partnership reflects Pattern Energy’s ongoing commitment to New Mexico communities and Explora’s Cradle through Career STEAM Learning Initiative, which aims to create pathways from classroom and out-of-school learning to career opportunities, while inspiring the next generation of innovators who will power the state’s clean energy future.



About Explora

Explora’s mission is to contribute to family and community prosperity by creating accessible opportunities for inspirational discovery and lifelong learning through interactive experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Explora, based in Albuquerque, serves more than 330,000 people annually through interactive learning experiences in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Explora’s professional development programs reach more than 2,600 teachers each year across 95% of New Mexico’s school districts.



About Pattern Energy

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