

Renewable Energy Working Group “Top 5” Priority Survey Results

16 REWG members responded to the request for a first-take, “top 5” prioritization of the 51 tasks specifically delegated to the Renewable Energy Working Group in the Renewable Energy Action Plan. The response was quite varied across resource and stakeholder interests, but does represent only roughly half of the group. Listed in order of how they appear in the REAP, here are the top 10 picks (those chosen by 3 or more members):

1	Set priorities on actions where Oregon has an advantage or need greater than other states ... and estimate the budget impact and other funds needed.	7	Work with all utilities, the NWPCC and BPA to develop a process and protocols for expediting interconnection requests and developing DG.
3	Work with congressional delegation to support a national RPS, as well as cap on CO2 emissions or on federal emissions portfolio standards.	12	Identify growing Oregon renewable energy businesses and assist them with expansion planning and workforce development.
4	Work with the congressional delegation to make sure that the federal Production Tax Credit and the REPI are maintained.	13	Help improve coordination and provide tools to attract new renewable energy businesses to build facilities in Oregon.
5	Assess the feasibility and effectiveness of production-based incentives for electricity generated by small to medium scale renewable energy facilities.	23	Help determine whether financial support for forest treatment projects is needed to move biomass feedstock from the forest to RE plant sites.
6	Assess the feasibility of a state Renewable Portfolio Standard and compare it with production-based incentives as to its effectiveness.	49	Work with BPA to use the federal hydropower system and BPA’s new wind integration services to reduce the cost of energy to customers.

