

# Regional Industry Clusters

## Ag & Manufacturing



OCED administers AgPLUS, a resource provider network provides business development workshops in 28 counties in Central California.

AgPLUS:

- Provides no-cost workshops on trade and exporting, marketing, cottage food regulations and workforce training.
- Has provided training to nearly 600 entrepreneurs and small to medium businesses throughout the region since fall 2013.
- Connects members with financing resources. In December 2017, hosted a Funders Forum in partnership with UC ANR.
- Will host the 10th Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACE) on October 21-27, 2018. More than 50 economic and political leaders from across the Americas will participate and the tour will include a visit to the Fresno State campus.



### Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month

Through efforts by the CA Partnership for the SJV, Governor Jerry Brown recognized October 2017 as Manufacturing Awareness and Appreciation Month, to showcase manufacturers and increase awareness of manufacturing careers.

### South Valley Industrial Summit

In October 2017, Fresno State OCED co-hosted the inaugural South Valley Industrial Summit in Tulare. More than 200 people attended the Summit, which:

- Recognized achievements by industry-led partnerships that support economic growth in the South Valley.
- Offered sessions on robotics, finance, energy, water and more.



Fresno State OCED is partnering with San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance to host the 4th Annual SJV Manufacturing Summit in Fresno on May 17. This year's theme, "Valley Made," recognizes manufacturers who started and grew here in the Central Valley, celebrating a history of innovation.

## Clean Energy



OCED partnered with Biodico and the SJV Clean Energy Organization to host the Zero Net Energy Farm Summit on Nov. 2-3, 2017. The summit highlighted renewable energy for commercial use and clean energy technologies in use in the region including solar, turbine, gasification (wood chips) and anaerobic digestion (ag waste).



OCED, in partnership with CALSTART, the Fresno State Transportation Institute and Project Clean Air presented the San Joaquin Valley Clean Transportation Summit, on March 14-15, 2018. The event featured ride and drive demos and focused on transforming transportation to promote a healthier region.



In March 2018, OCED, in partnership with CALSTART, Fresno EOC, Fresno Metro Ministry, Fresno State Transportation Institute, and the University of Colorado, Denver announced "Bolt to College," a zero-emissions ridesharing project for Fresno City College students living in rural Westside communities. The project will operate during the 2018-19 school year.



OCED helps identify innovators in clean energy, ag and water tech as a participant of the BlueTechValley Energy Innovation Cluster. Through this initiative, OCED hosts grant and business development workshops for entrepreneurs in disadvantaged areas throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

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