Environment

Green Jobs for a More Sustainable Environment
Having a skilled workforce trained for current and future green jobs not only supports a strong economy, but also is essential for curbing climate change and creating a healthier environment. As we transition to a greener economy, Edison International invests in programs with a focus on an equitable and inclusive transition, which includes our most underrepresented populations. Edison International supports a growing local base of green jobs in partnership with the following organizations:

• GRID Alternatives
Through shareholder funding, SCE partners with GRID Alternatives, a nonprofit that leads teams of volunteers and job trainees to install solar electric systems for low-income families in California, providing families with needed savings and giving local workers hands-on experience in green technology.

We support the work of GRID Alternatives’ Greater Los Angeles chapter to create clean energy access and build skills specifically among underrepresented community members and people of color who experience systemic inequity and barriers to growth within the workforce.

We also partner with GRID Alternatives’ Inland Empire chapter to support its Solar Futures Program. This innovative training program is designed specifically for high school youth to help them gain a foothold in the solar industry. With Edison International’s funding, GRID Alternatives will offer the Solar Futures program to at least 100 high school students from the Inland Empire, a community with higher than average poverty and unemployment rates, helping the students gain access to the high-growth solar industry while making positive impacts in their communities.

• Homeboy Industries
We have supported Homeboy Industries’ Solar Panel and Workforce Development Program since 2018. The program aims to increase job readiness among previously gang-involved and/or incarcerated men and women by placing individuals in jobs in the solar industry. Homeboy Industries’ Solar Panel training program provides a unique chance for program graduates to gain marketable skills while taking care of the environment. The rigorous four-month, full-time program offers tuition, tutoring and financial support for clients to learn about solar panel design, construction and installation through the Photovoltaic Training Program at the East Los Angeles Skills Center. This collaboration has graduated 92% of participants and placed over 70% of those graduates in employment or other career-related training. Working in the solar program at Homeboy Industries is not just job training; it’s a career opportunity.

• San Bernardino Valley College
Edison International awarded the San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) Foundation $75,000 to provide STEM scholarships to SBVC students and support SBVC’s Clean Energy Hybrid and EV Technician Program. The goals of the program are to increase the availability of EV training, reach additional students who are interested in the training and give students sought-after clean energy/EV skills that make them more competitive for higher-wage job opportunities.