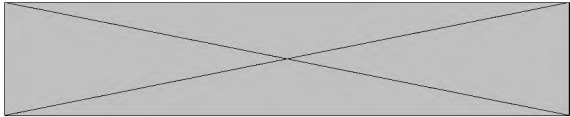


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Dear Leila,

The extensive array of exciting job opportunities available in the natural gas and oil industry was on full display at last week's STEM Solutions Workforce of Tomorrow conference in Washington, D.C. I had the privilege of speaking at the event, which drew together educators, students and leaders from numerous states and industries to focus on preparing students and workers for the economy of the future.

Driven by cutting-edge technology, the energy industry is a prime example of the power – and possibilities – of innovation. And those possibilities include [growing opportunities](#) for rewarding jobs that are both high-tech and high-paying:

- The oil and natural gas industry supports [more than 10.3 million jobs](#) – an increase of more than half a million from 2011.
 - With 40 percent or more of industry's workforce on track to retire by 2035, hundreds of thousands of African Americans, Hispanics and women are projected to fill [1.9 million new job opportunities](#) in our industry by that time, according to an IHS study.
- [Millennials](#), who today account for 34 percent of total employment in the natural gas and oil and petrochemicals industries, are projected to be 41 percent of that workforce by 2025, a 20 percent increase.
- Opportunity also exists for members of the military transitioning to civilian life – more than 1 million over the next four years.

Having [STEM \(science, technology, engineering and mathematics\)](#) education or training – whether it's an associate's degree from a community college, an occupational certificate from apprenticeship programs or sub-baccalaureate degree – nearly doubles a student's likelihood of getting a job in the natural gas and oil industry. And jobs in natural gas and oil pay \$50,000 higher than the national average.

America's natural gas and oil [industry supports STEM education and awareness](#) in a variety of ways. From STEM summer camps to teacher training to science fairs, the industry is committed to helping students prepare to take full advantage of opportunities in fields, like ours, that are integral to the nation's future.

Our goal is to attract [the broadest and deepest pool of talent](#) to fill the hundreds of thousands of job opportunities expected in the coming years.

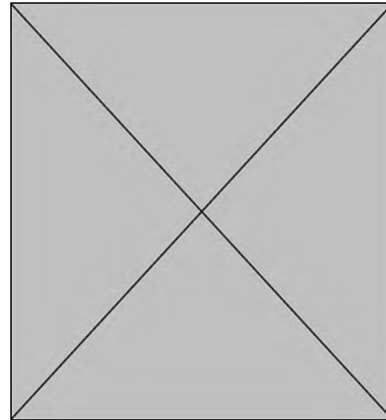
It's clear that [building a better future takes energy](#), and central to America's future is innovation and a skilled, diverse workforce to sustain our U.S. energy transformation.

Sincerely,

Jack N. Gerard
President & CEO
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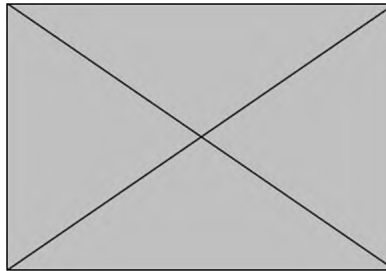
The Women of Industry: Continuing Positive Momentum

Women continue to advance in the natural gas and oil industry. As the industry builds on our efforts to increase awareness about career opportunities, [learn what leading industry women have to say about the opportunities.](#)



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