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LACI CEO Fred Walti, VP Joe Biden and Mayor Eric Garcetti at Nov. 16 roundtable on technology, innovation and jobs. Photo: Courtesy of LACI

VP JOE BIDEN LAUDS WORK OF LOS ANGELES CLEANTECH INCUBATOR

United States Vice President Joe Biden had good things to say about LA's newest technology incubator during his recent swing through the city. Biden spoke at a Nov. 16 roundtable held at the Cleantech Incubator in downtown's fast-growing Arts District. The topic was how new "clean" industries like solar energy are getting an assist from incubators like Cleantech. "There's power in an incubator...using science and technology to take an idea

from paper to product to the marketplace," Biden told the packed room. EWDD is one of many public, private and educational partners of LACI, located in the newly-completed La Kretz Innovation Campus. The campus brings together entrepreneurs, engineers, scientists and policymakers to collaborate, promote and support the development of clean technologies and LA's green economy.

EWDD staff address Dept. of Labor grantees: EWDD staff were invited to share information on how to effectively use workforce funding during a conference Nov. 16 and 17 at the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. Lisa Salazar, who runs EWDD's youth programs, was one of four EWDD staff who presented information. Salazar spoke about LA's success in partnering with public and private organizations to prepare young adults for employment. Los Angeles was the only major city to have won two federal Workforce Innovation grants, both aimed at training hard-to-reach populations.

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