

# BLUEGREEN ALLIANCE

## LABOR CLIMATE PROJECT

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The Blue Green Alliance is a strategic partnership between six international Unions and two environmental organizations. It began in 2006 as a partnership between the United Steelworkers and the Sierra Club. Last fall CWA, SEIU, the Laborers International and the National Resource Defense Council came on board as partners. More recently the UWUA, AFT and ATU joined our alliance.

The Labor Climate Project arm of the Blue Green Alliance is designed to educate local union members about the dangers of global warming and the solutions that will help both the environment and create good green sustainable union jobs.

Too often union members believe that the issues of the environment are at odds with issues of labor. In fact, the opposite is true. In this fight we have a common enemy and that is large corporations whose interest is their bottom line -- often at the expense of environmental and labor standards here at home and abroad. Labor unions have always fought for environmental safety for our members, in their worksites and communities.

In this economic recession, now is the time to bring the message of global warming solutions and job creation to union members. Union members are the voice of labor and the catalyst to help all workers understand their vital role in restoring the middle class through a new, green economy.

The Blue Green Alliance is excited about this project. We are developing a variety of training and presentation options for local unions, international unions, central labor councils, and state federations. Contact me about the Labor Climate Project and presentations that are available for your membership.

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