Texas is the largest oil, gas, and wind power producer in the U.S. Nearly 30% of the nation’s proved natural gas reserves are in Texas. It contains one-fourth of the nation’s refining capacity, 40% of the country’s chemical production capacity, and utilizes an independent electricity grid that serves 24 million people. The state has more than 13,000 megawatts of installed wind capacity. Texas solar power potential is also among the nation’s highest, representing one-fifth of the U.S. total. Texas has an abundance of biomass energy resources, and the energy sector is one of the most important employers in the state.

Houston is home to 5,000 energy-related firms.

The Kay Bailey Hutchison Center for Energy, Law, and Business (KBH Energy Center) is an interdisciplinary joint venture of the School of Law and the McCombs School of Business at The University of Texas. The mission of the KBH Energy Center is to:

• Train the next generation of energy leaders in Texas, the United States, and the World;

• Produce objective analyses of business, legal, and policy questions;

• Convene experts to promote dialogue on current energy topics; and

• Analyze emerging energy issues in Latin America.

The renewable energy sector includes 1,300 firms statewide and employs 100,000 people.
Premier Classroom Experience

The School of Law and the McCombs School of Business offer dozens of innovative courses designed to prepare students to succeed in the energy sector. A key component of the curriculum is the opportunity to work alongside distinguished faculty and graduate students from other disciplines. Interdisciplinary courses co-taught by professors from the Schools of Law, Business, Geosciences, Engineering, and Marine Sciences are offered every semester.

Research and Programs

The KBH Energy Center hosts distinguished lectures, conferences, and symposia related to energy and produces original research on energy problems from legal and business

Students from departments across campus take interdisciplinary business and law classes.

Mexico’s energy reforms could create **2.5 million** jobs in Mexico and **130,000** jobs in Texas.

Focus on Latin America

Latin America is undergoing dynamic energy development. Primary energy demand has doubled in Latin America in the last 40 years, and significant oil and gas discoveries have been made in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. With strong energy demand and expanded supplies, the region is experiencing a surge of resource nationalism, the revitalization of national oil companies, and a realignment of geopolitical alliances. Mexico’s energy reforms aim to revitalize its energy sector and bolster its economy, while Argentina has amended its hydrocarbons law to spur shale investment. Because of Texas’ proximity and the university’s deep ties to Latin America, the KBH Energy Center is well-positioned to contribute to the policy dialogue pertaining to the region’s growing energy sector.

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison is a distinguished University of Texas alumna (B.A., J.D.) and staunch advocate for excellence in higher education. From 1993 to 2013, she served as a United States senator and was the first woman to represent Texas in the Senate. During her time in office, Senator Hutchison supported energy research and initiatives to encourage investment and innovation in the energy sector in the belief that affordable clean energy is essential to a strong economy.

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