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## Arizona Energy Consortium opts for all forms, focuses on technology

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The Arizona Energy Consortium is going to back to a focus on renewable energy, but it's also going to support other forms.

The group decided last week to be a little more technology agnostic, which means being a little more open to different technologies.

"We decided at the end of the day, it should be a forum for all types of conservation and all types of energy," said **Steve Zylstra**, president of the [Arizona Technology Council](#), which has taken over the administration for the consortium from the city of Phoenix.

[The group was a spinoff](#) set up by Phoenix to help retrain workers in a green energy economy.

Despite not having renewables or energy efficiency explicitly in their charter, the group still will spend a heavy amount of its time working with the industry. It is, after all, what represents most of Arizona's energy industry.

Zylstra said groups such as the Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association, solar, wind and geothermal companies as well as the state's major utilities all are on the board with the consortium.

"We're just trying to be a resource for collaboration," he said.

The consortium also is open to non-council members. Companies can join the consortium for up to a year without having to join the council, but will have to do so after that. Companies that already are members with the council can join the consortium with no additional cost.

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