

Geographical Analysis of US Green Sector Industry Concentration

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Recent developments in industry concentration analysis reveal vital details about how industries cluster or co-locate. Given the relative infancy of the industries comprising the "green sector", this type of analysis provides valuable information to investors, community leaders, and others involved in supporting a transition away from fossil fuels.

Evidence suggests that the ten green energy subsectors and the aggregate of the firms comprising the green energy sector are regionally concentrated. Positive changes in industry concentration from 2002 to 2006 tended to be greatest in non-metropolitan counties, suggesting comparative advantage with respect to site location for the composite of the firms making up these sectors.

Additionally, these results will be presented at the SAEA Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama on February 6, 2012.

About Lane...

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