



# Washington State SOLAR SUMMIT

The Annual Washington Solar Summit was held on October 30<sup>th</sup> in Bellevue, and IBEW Local 77 was there! This is the LARGEST gathering of solar manufacturers, installation contractors, policy, governmental affairs, researchers, training professionals, and advocates in the State and once again LABOR was at the table. Thank you Business Rep. Rick Strait for attending!

If you would like to participate in similar events and be involved, please contact Political Director Sean Bagsby at 206-639-0748 or via email at [seanbagsby@ibew77.com](mailto:seanbagsby@ibew77.com). Thank you for keeping IBEW 77 Union Strong!

**9:20-10:15am: SESSION: Current industry trends, forecasts and opportunities**

**Austin Perea, Senior Solar Analyst, Wood Mackenzie**  
Topic: National trends and forecasts (and where Washington fits in).  
Austin Perea is a Senior Analyst for Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables where he leads up the firm's distributed solar coverage as the primary author of the U.S. solar market insight report series. Prior to joining Wood Mackenzie (formerly GTM Research), Austin worked at The Boston Consulting Group, where he supported the energy practice as a research associate. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in economics and political science and a minor in Middle Eastern studies from the University of New Hampshire.

**Lauren McCloy, Senior Policy Advisor, Energy, Governor Jay Inslee**  
Topic: 2019 wins and the staging of opportunities in Washington.  
Lauren McCloy is a Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State, where she leads and manages a broad range of issues in support of the Governor's energy agenda. Prior to her current role, Lauren served as the Legislative Director for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC), where she was the commission's liaison to the state Legislature and the Governor's office; developed and coordinated the UTC's legislative activities. Lauren was previously a policy advisor at the UTC, advised the commissioners on energy policy and led the UTC's Consumer Protection Division. She has prior experience working for the Washington state Senate Ways and Means Committee and several non-profit organizations focused on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and consumer advocacy. Lauren has a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an M.S. in International Development from Tulane University Law School. She is a recipient of the American Council on Germany's 2017 McCloy Fellowship on Global Trends, where her research is focused on transatlantic

