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<b>Summary</b>	On December 3, 2007, Mayors of Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond and Emeryville, along with U.C. Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, signed an agreement to launch the "East Bay Green Corridor" and build the region into a national center for environmental business, industry, and jobs.
<b>Key Findings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The six signatories on the Statement of Principles agreed to hold an annual green economic summit, set quarterly meetings of the directors of economic development, workforce development and technology transfer offices, and to coordinate a major new regional green job training and placement effort.</li> <li>• Over the past several years, Berkeley has regularly been named among the greenest and most sustainable cities in the United States and it was recently ranked as one of the top five cities best situated to lead the "Clean Tech" economy. In 2006, Berkeley voters passed Measure G, a first in the nation ballot measure directing the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by the year 2050.</li> <li>• Oakland was the first city in the nation to initiate a plan to get to oil independence by 2020 and also the first city in the nation to pass laws replacing plastic and Styrofoam materials in restaurants with compostable materials. In 2007, Oakland allocated \$200,000 for green jobs development and training.</li> <li>• Over the past two decades, Emeryville has emerged as a center for entertainment, retail, technology, and bio-tech companies. It has one of the fastest growing commercial and housing markets in the Bay Area.</li> <li>• Richmond's abundance of industrial land, port and rail capacities have attracted green businesses and led it to focus on becoming the first Green Industrial City in the U.S: adopting a goal of 80% reduction city-wide greenhouse gas emissions, establishing solar installation training in its youth jobs training programs and lowering its solar permit fees to the lowest in the Bay Area.</li> <li>• U.C. Berkeley is one of the world's premier education and research institutions. The University has embraced sustainability as a core area of research across departments and as a focus of campus operations. In April, U.C. Berkeley Chancellor Robert Birgeneau committed the campus to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2014.</li> <li>• Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has been a leader in science and engineering research for more than 75 years. It is one of the preeminent laboratories working on energy efficiency, alternative energy, and climate research.</li> </ul>
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<b>Green Industries Cited</b>	Solar; Energy Efficiency
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