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Renewable energy sources, like solar panels, could draw businesses to Arkansas. Last week the electric vehicle maker Canoo (canoe) announced it was moving its headquarters from California to Bentonville. On Talk Business and Politics, Lauren Waldrip (wall-drip), executive director the Arkansas Advanced Energy Association, said she foresees more companies who are focused on energy efficiency coming to the state.

News20 0:14 “...to do business.”

Net metering allows electric consumers who generate some, or all of their own electricity—through wind turbines or solar panels to get credit for excess electricity from energy utilities. The relocation of Canoo’s headquarters is expected to bring over 500 jobs to northwest Arkansas.

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Generating electricity with solar panels is expected to become more common in Arkansas. On Talk Business and Politics, the Executive Director of the Arkansas Advanced Energy Association, Lauren Waldrip (wall-drip) said the Infrastructure Bill signed into law by President Biden last week should increase solar energy production and use in the state.

News21 0:19 “...something that’s exciting.”

Waldrip said advanced energy initiatives promoting efficiency and alternative fuels have received bipartisan support in Arkansas. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, last year, the state generated over 60 times the amount of electricity from solar power than it did in 2015.