

Karen Hamberg

Vice President, Strategy at Westport Fuel Systems

Vancouver, BC, CA

Clean-technology and clean transportation executive

Biography

Ms. Hamberg joined Westport Innovations in 2001 and was appointed Vice President, Sustainable Energy Futures in 2012 and Vice-President, Strategy in 2013. Westport is the leading global supplier of technologies that enable engines to operate on clean-burning, low-carbon fuels such as compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG), hydrogen and renewable natural gas (RNG). Karen's current portfolio includes responsibilities for Corporate Strategy, Market and Competitive Intelligence, Sustainability and Environmental Performance, Regulatory Affairs, and Advocacy. Karen has recently completed a secondment to the National Petroleum Council's Advancing Technology for America's Transportation Fuels Study for the U.S. Department of Energy. The Study was approved and released in August 2012 and delivers a report of fuel and vehicle prospects through 2050. It addresses fuel demand, supply, infrastructure and technology in the context of U.S. objectives to protect the environment, promote economic growth and competitiveness and support energy security. She was a member of four Study teams including natural gas engines and vehicles, greenhouse gas emission reductions, heavy-duty engines and vehicles and report integration. Karen is also Chair of the Board of Directors of Calstart in Pasadena, California and a Board Member of the Van Horne Institute at the University of Calgary. She has been named to Canada's Clean 50? for 2017 for her contributions to advance sustainability and clean capitalism. Karen is a recipient of the United Way of the Lower Mainland President's Award of Distinction for her exceptional community service.

Industry Expertise

Transportation/Trucking/Railroad, Cleantech, Energy

Areas of Expertise

Clean Tech, Alternative Fuels for Transportation, Clean Fuels Policy, Decarbonizing the Transportation Sector, Heavy-Duty Transportation, Lifecycle GHG Analysis, Challenge of Energy Transitions, Natural Gas as A Transportation Fuel, Natural Gas Vehicles, Renewable Natural Gas, Fuel Economy Regulations

Affiliations

Chair of the Board of Directors of Calstart, Board Member Van Horne Institute at the University of Calgary, United Way of the Lower Mainland Campaign Cabinet

Education

Queen's University

Master of Arts Geography and Environmental Studies

Brandon University

Bachelor of Arts Geography

Accomplishments

United Way of the Lower Mainland President's Award of Distinction

The President's Award of Distinction is the United Way's most prestigious Spirit Award and honours individuals or organizations for their extraordinary service and commitment to helping build stronger communities.

Canada's Clean50 2017

Canada's prestigious Clean50 Awards are announced annually by Delta Management Group and the Clean50 to recognize those 50 individuals or small teams, from 16 different categories, who have done the most to advance the cause of sustainability and clean capitalism in Canada over the past two years.

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