

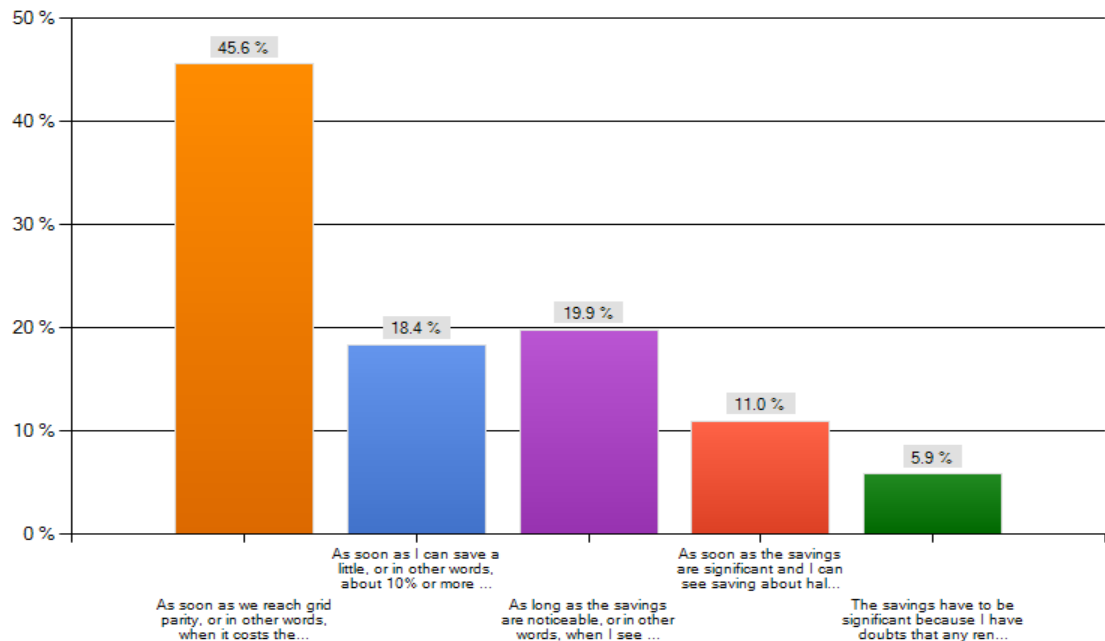


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### IS PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY WANING? CREDITS FAVORED OVER GRANTS SAY MANY SURVEYED IN APRIL. Week of 4-26-2010

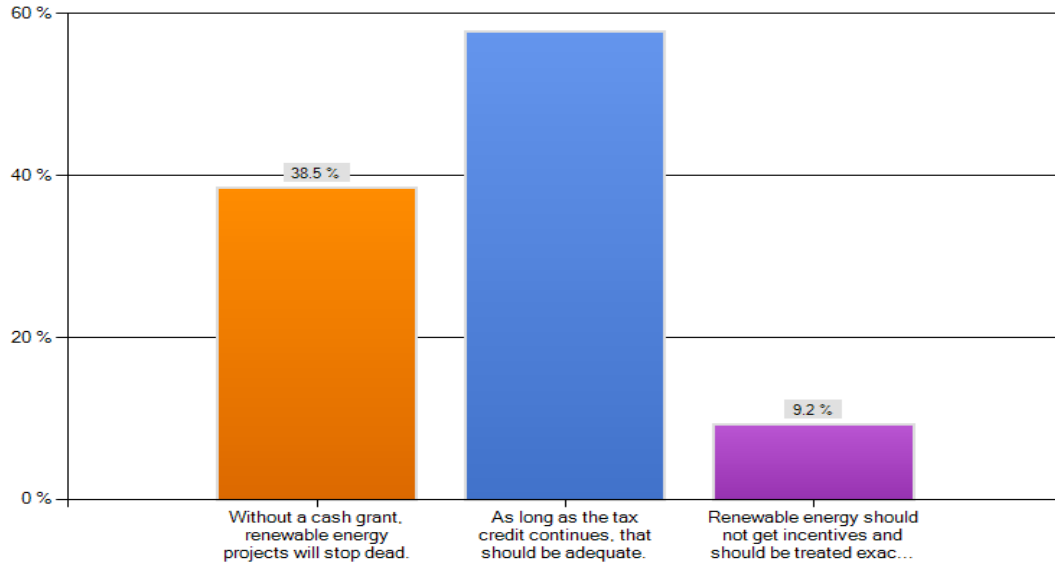
The results of a recent survey of almost 3,000 business leaders, renewable energy developers and installers provide both good news and potentially bad news for renewable energy development. Just over 45% of respondents claim they would adopt some type of renewable power when it achieves "grid parity." However, a majority believes that renewable tax credits would be sufficient after the grant program ends this December.

**QUESTION 1:** Adopting renewable technologies has some inconveniences. Whether it is adding solar hot water to your home, PV panels to your office or siting community wind power, the burden of installing and then using renewable energy has a cost. How much must the renewable technology save you before you make the choice to switch from a traditional power source to a renewable power source?

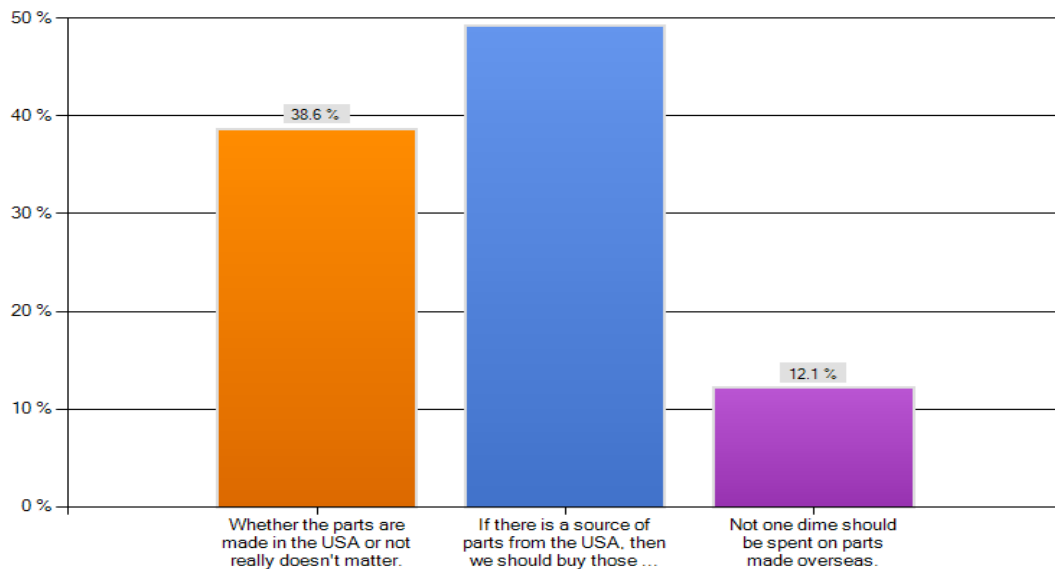




**QUESTION 2:** The so-called “section 1603” in last year’s stimulus law gives a cash grant instead of a tax credit to many renewable energy projects, such as solar, wind, geothermal and biomass, which begin construction by the end of this year. What will happen if the cash grant ends as planned by the end of this year and is not extended?

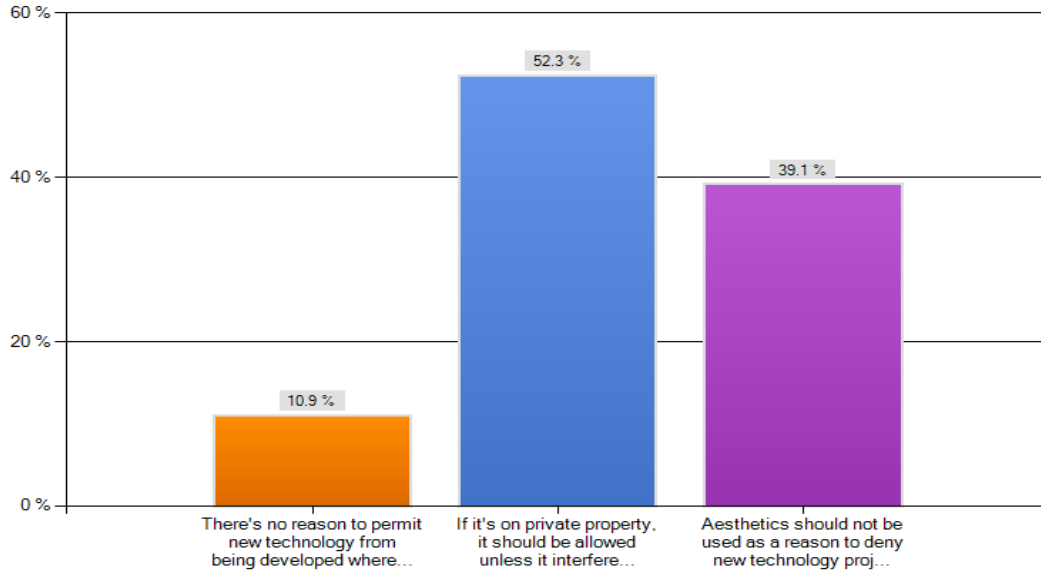


**QUESTION 3:** Four US senators, led by Senator Charles Schumer of New York have called on the Obama administration to halt spending on renewable energy projects until there are rules to assure that the projects use predominantly American labor and materials. Should US government incentives be used to fund projects that use foreign manufactured goods and technology?





**QUESTION 4:** Despite receiving regulatory approvals from the state, the FAA and other officials, Cape Cod Community College in Massachusetts was denied the final permit to build a single wind turbine on its campus by a decision made by the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Commission for aesthetic reasons. To what extent, if any, should new renewable technologies be denied for purely aesthetic reasons?



**QUESTION 5:** China is launching a national program of billions of dollars of investment in wind and solar power, putting it significantly ahead of the United States in renewable energy deployment. The EU is on track to surpass its goal of generating 20% of energy from renewable sources by 2020. Is it significant that China and Europe may dominate both the manufacturing and deployment of renewable energy technologies, ahead of the United States?

