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Geothermal Expo 85% Sold Out

Industry growth propels record-breaking numbers

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 12) – The 2010 Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) Geothermal Energy Expo in Sacramento, California at the Sacramento Convention Center Complex is set to break the 2009 record as the world's largest geothermal showcase. The annual gathering of geothermal industry leaders brings together the top companies from across the United States and around the world.

California is the largest producer of geothermal power in the United States and one of the world's leading geothermal regions. This year, the state is celebrating 50 years of producing utility scale geothermal power. Over the half-century, geothermal has become the state's largest source of renewable energy with over 2,500 MW of power online today (powering the equivalent of 1.6 million California homes.) With nearly 2,000 MW in development and more to be tapped, geothermal energy provides California with 6% of its in-state power generation today, and will remain a leading contributor for years to come.

"The number of new people and companies getting involved in this industry is clearly reflective of how rapidly our industry is growing," said Karl Gawell, GEA Executive Director. "Seeing all the new faces at the GEA Expo last year was particularly gratifying as it is evidence of the new jobs that our industry is creating in this country. We're thrilled that the birthplace of geothermal in the US, California, is hosting this year's Expo—giving us an opportunity to review how far geothermal has come in the past 50 years and the opportunities and challenges that we can look forward to in the next 50."

The GEA Expo provides a perfect venue for exhibitors to showcase their projects, equipment, services and state-of-the-art technology to the geothermal community in one of the largest geothermal producing states in the nation. This year's Expo offers complimentary access to students, putting today's industry leaders in direct contact with tomorrow's rising stars.

The Geothermal Energy Expo® will be held in tandem with the Geothermal Resources Council's (GRC) Annual Meeting.

For more information, please go to <http://bit.ly/9AtAUp>

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About the Geothermal Energy Association:

The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) is a trade association composed of U.S. companies who support the expanded use of geothermal energy and are developing geothermal resources worldwide for electrical power generation and direct-heat uses. GEA advocates for public policies that will promote the development and utilization of geothermal resources, provides a forum for the industry to discuss issues and problems, encourages research and development to improve geothermal technologies, presents industry views to governmental organizations, provides assistance for the export of geothermal goods and services, compiles statistical data about the geothermal industry, and conducts education and outreach projects. For more information, please visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/>
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