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## **Geothermal Leaders to Gather in the Nation's Capital for GEA Geothermal Energy Technology and International Development Forum**

Developed in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Commerce

**Washington, DC (March 23, 2011)** – As the geothermal industry is poised for record setting expansion, leaders will gather in Washington DC on Wednesday, May 4 for the Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) 2011 Geothermal Energy Technology and International Development Forum which will be held at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

“Our industry is developing rapidly here in the United States, but the growth of geothermal power abroad has been fantastic as well,” said Karl Gawell, GEA Executive Director. “Our program is going to allow us to see how and where these many projects are coming along, while also giving an update on the many new technologies that are coming into the geothermal market.”

The Forum was developed in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Commerce. Over two-hundred industry leaders, foreign diplomats, financiers and government officials are expected to participate.

“Having the Departments of Commerce and Energy, as well as leaders from such a broad spectrum of geothermal supporters, as a part of this event will provide a great insight into where the geothermal industry currently stands and where it will be going over the next few years,” Gawell said.

The program showcases geothermal projects, trends, and governmental policies in the U.S. and around the world. Topics covered will include the geothermal market today, projects under development in the U.S. and internationally, outlook for the future of the geothermal market, jobs and money, new technologies, and federal agency support at home and abroad. The Forum will also feature an expo area.

For more information, including the full agenda, visit: [http://www.geo-energy.org/events/May2011\\_ShowcaseForum.aspx](http://www.geo-energy.org/events/May2011_ShowcaseForum.aspx).

### **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/>. Follow GEA on [Twitter](#). Become a fan on [Facebook](#).

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