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## **First Ever GEA National Geothermal Summit Scheduled for August 16-17 Registration Now Open**

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Washington, DC (June 14, 2011) – As geothermal projects ramp up nationwide, the Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) will bring together business and policy leaders to address the most pressing issues for the industry at the first annual National Geothermal Summit, held August 16-17 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nev. The event is made possible by Gold Level sponsors Ormat Technologies and Stoel Rives, LLP.

The United States ranks No. 1 in geothermal power production and continues to be one of the leading countries in geothermal growth. The total installed capacity of the U.S. is approximately 3,102 MW, enough to power over 2 million homes -- or the residential populations of San Francisco, Portland and Seattle combined. Currently, geothermal electric power generation occurs in nine U.S. states including Nevada, Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. The U.S. has the potential to triple its geothermal power production by bringing the geothermal resource capacity that GEA identifies on-line.

“The year ahead promises to be robust for the geothermal industry as numerous projects are switching from development phases to full-fledged geothermal power plants,” said GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell. “And a second wave of development is on its way. This Summit will address the opportunities and challenges that many projects face as they enter the drilling and production phase, which is a great source for job creation.”

Topics for the Summit include outlooks for Washington D.C. and the western states, building new transmission projects in the west, new renewable energy policy developments in California, and moving geothermal forward on public lands. An Expo Hall will feature government agencies, universities and leading geothermal developers from the growing geothermal industry.

For details on attendee registration, event agenda, and floor plan visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/nationalgeothermalsummit/main.aspx>.

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

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