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National News

GEA Reviews Industry's Global Position as Members Gather for 2010 World Geothermal Congress

Press Release, April, 26, Washington DC – As global leaders from the geothermal industry gather this week in Bali for 2010 World Geothermal Congress, the Geothermal Energy Association reports that the U.S. geothermal market continues to lead the world in power capacity, outpacing other countries in both geothermal power on-line and new projects under development. According to papers prepared for the conference, the US has over 3,000 MW of installed geothermal capacity and produces enough geothermal energy to avoid approximately 18.8 million tonnes of CO2 emissions annually. In terms of installed geothermal capacity the U.S. ranks first worldwide, with the Philippines coming in second with an installed geothermal capacity at 1,902 MW.

“The World Geothermal Congress provides the opportunity to review the United States’ leading position in geothermal power production, however the full potential of this vast resource has yet to be fully tapped both in the United States and abroad,” said GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell. “There is a growing demand for sustainable energy across the planet, and geothermal power provides baseload electricity, providing a clean, renewable energy source that has the potential to create jobs and preserve the environment across the planet.”

Among the delegates gathering this week in Bali are Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) member companies including TurboCare, Atlas Copco, Geothermal Development Associates, Mitsubishi, Ormat, Tiger Energy Services, Baker Hughes, POWER Engineers, Inc., Halliburton, Schlumberger, and Pratt & Whitney Power Systems.

The United States remains the world leader in online geothermal energy capacity and continues to be one of the principal countries to increase its geothermal growth. The US has a total installed capacity of 3086.6 MW and in their recently released April 2010 US Geothermal Power Production and Development Update, GEA detailed 26% growth in new projects under development in the United States in the past year, with 188 projects underway which could produce as much as 7,875 MW of new electric power.

Next month GEA will release its highly anticipated Global Geothermal Power Production and Development Update and on May 21, GEA will be hosting the Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. At the event, leading developers, researchers and policy makers will discuss this growing industry and showcase the latest technologies that are spurring the dramatic growth of geothermal power. For more information, visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/>.

BLM State Directors Create Fast Track List of Geothermal Projects

The Bureau of Land Management has created a fast track list of projects, including those for geothermal development, and is currently considering additional projects in development stages beyond exploration or drilling. BLM officials confirmed to GEA that companies interested in having their project considered should contact the BLM state director where their project is located.

Initially the list included projects that could get on line before December 2010 based on recommendations by state directors. These projects would get priority on processing and included three geothermal projects: Blue Mountain, Jersey Valley and McGinness Hills. Three TerraGen projects were added later: Dixie Meadows, Coyote Canyon, and New York Canyon.

To be considered for inclusion a project must be in development stages far enough along in the review, analysis and permitting process to be able to be approved this year. Larger projects are preferred, and although the focus is on BLM projects due to ease of control, projects on Forest Service land may be considered.

For the current list of fast-track projects visit http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/renewable_energy/fast-track_renewable.html. Please keep GEA apprised of progress made in this program by email to leslie@geo-energy.org.



Company News

Calpine: The Geysers Featured

An article on northbaybusinessjournal.com features Calpine's The Geysers, which recently won the California Department of Conservation award for the ninth consecutive year. The company considered selling its 725-MW operation, the largest in the world, during a bankruptcy five years ago but is since back on track with a \$200 million investment in equipment over several years and recently signed a four-year agreement for 25 MW with San Diego Gas & Electric. Calpine employs 350 at The Geysers.

See <http://www.northbaybusinessjournal.com/20571/calpine-geysers-project-on-the-rise/>.

Raser Technologies: Lightning Dock New Mexico Project Update Provided

Press Release, April 26, Provo, Utah -- Raser Technologies, Inc. an energy technology company, provided an update on its Lightning Dock, New Mexico project today, including that it has selected Barbour Well, Inc., of Henderson, Nevada to begin drilling in May. Barbour Well is an experienced geothermal well drilling firm licensed to drill geothermal and domestic water wells in New Mexico.

The Lightning Dock resource, located in southwest New Mexico, is one of the most studied, undeveloped resources in the country. It is a shallow resource, with primary production expected from depths of less than 3,000 feet and at temperatures between 285°F and 310°F.

"We are extremely anxious to get moving on our next geothermal project," said Raser CEO Nick Goodman. "The Lightning Dock resource has attracted attention from the geothermal industry since the 1970's. It has been heavily studied with numerous temperature gradient holes and hot water wells. We are looking forward to making significant progress on our next plant."

Raser has completed a comprehensive internal review and report on the Lightning Dock project, has selected drilling locations and will now begin operations by re-entering a well (TFD 55-7) that was drilled in 1984. That well was plugged and sat idle for decades awaiting development of the geothermal resource. Surveys of this well have shown bottom-hole temperatures of more than 320 degrees Fahrenheit. Raser plans to mobilize the Barbour #77 rig to Lightning Dock in early May to reopen and flow test well TFD 55-7. Drilling additional production and injection wells will follow the test.

For more, see <http://www.rasertech.com/news>.

SMUD: Geothermal Contract Signed with Vulcan Power Company

Press Release, April 27 — The Sacramento Municipal Utility District ("SMUD") has signed a 21-year contract with Patua Project, LLC, a subsidiary of Vulcan Power Company ("Vulcan"), a developer of geothermal energy projects, for the purchase of up to 132 megawatts (MW) of baseload renewable energy from the Patua geothermal plant to be constructed in northern Nevada. Under the agreement, SMUD receives energy, environmental and carbon-neutral attributes from the project.

Vulcan's Patua geothermal energy project site, located near Fernley, Nevada, will be built in three phases and is expected to be the company's first geothermal power plant. Phase I drilling recommenced in February 2010 and construction of a 60-MW power plant is projected to begin in January 2011. The project will produce electricity around the clock with power deliveries projected to occur as early as the first quarter of 2012, continuing through 2033.

"This major renewable power source adds diversity to SMUD's current renewable power portfolio," said SMUD General Manager and CEO John DiStasio. "The additional baseload power supply avoids the challenge of integrating an intermittent source of renewable energy, such as wind and solar."

For more, see <http://www.earthtimes.org/articles/show/sacramento-municipal-utility-district-to,1268161.shtml>.

Schlumberger: GeothermEx Geothermal Consulting Services Company Acquired

Press Release, April 27 — Schlumberger (SLB) announced today the acquisition of GeothermEx Inc., a California-based global provider of expert geothermal consulting services. The acquired team now operates as an integrated part of Schlumberger Geothermal Services, covering the full spectrum of resource exploration, development and production services.

"Schlumberger has been providing technologies and services to the geothermal industry for many years," said Sanjaya Sood, vice president, Schlumberger Geothermal Services. "With the addition of GeothermEx our team is better-equipped to offer innovative techniques to efficiently develop geothermal projects worldwide."

Established in 1973, GeothermEx has developed numerous pioneering techniques for optimizing geothermal resources. Serving hundreds of geothermal power projects in more than 50 countries, GeothermEx specializes in geosciences, drilling, engineering, project development, reservoir management, and economic analysis.

See <http://www.slb.com/news.aspx>.



Renewable Energy and Climate Change

Geothermal Industry Growing Faster Than Solar, Reports Show

The Solar Energy Industry Association recently released an industry update detailing growth and development of solar resources in the U.S. A view of it alongside the recent GEA industry update for the geothermal industry shows that U.S. geothermal capacity grew faster than solar capacity in 2009, and while the total MW increase was greater for solar, the total power produced was greater for geothermal. Internationally, the U.S. geothermal market continues in the lead, while the U.S. solar industry ranked fourth in solar-electric installations last year.

Total capacity growth in 2009:

Solar - 5.2%

Geothermal - 6%

World industry ranking:

Solar - #4

Geothermal - #1

See <http://www.seia.org/> and <http://geo-energy.org/Default.aspx>.

Congress Looking at Option for Extending Tax Grant Provisions of ARRA

One of the successful provisions of the 2009 stimulus legislation was its provision which allowed the Treasury Department to provide companies with a cash grant in lieu of a tax credit if the completed new renewable power projects on a very tight schedule. Not only does this help economic recovery, but it also allows many renewable developers to move forward in an economic recession with their projects.

To continue a program of a similar nature, Rep. Earl Blumenauer has introduced HR 4599, which provides for a direct payment option to take the place of the cash grant when it expires at the end of 2010. GEA, in a letter supporting the legislation, said:

"The development of domestic renewable energy resources, including geothermal, is important to our nation's security and environmental goals. The tax incentives adopted as part of the stimulus legislation of 2009 were essential in supporting the continued growth of these industries in the face of an economic crisis. H.R. 4599

would ensure that the benefits extended to support the growth of these industries continue while the nation works towards full economic recovery. This measure is vitally important to help address climate change, to improve our national energy security, and to create the thousands of new jobs that continued expansion of geothermal and other renewable technologies will bring. "

The House Ways and Means Committee may be taking action on energy related tax legislation later this year.



State News

Colorado: Poncha Trustees Support Salida Geothermal Study

Salida officials applying for a Governor's Energy Office grant asked Poncha Springs Trustees to write a letter of support for research at the Salida geothermal study, according to themountainmail.com. "I think anything that benefits geothermal exploration in our area could be beneficial," town administrator Jerry L'Estrange said. Trustees Rick Roberts and Galen Angelo voiced their agreement directed staff personnel to write the letter. See <http://www.themountainmail.com/main.asp?SectionID=4&SubSectionID=4&ArticleID=19014>.

Utah: Secretary Salazar Lauds Clean Energy Community

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today visited Utah to announce an expanded partnership with local leaders and private industry for wind and geothermal resource development. PacifiCorp's Blundell Geothermal Plant has been authorized by BLM to expand with two new geothermal wells.

"We need to share Milford's story with towns and cities across this country because it exemplifies how renewable energy resources can be transformed into a vital economic driver, generating good jobs and steady revenue for communities," said Secretary Salazar. "The resourcefulness of Milford's citizens, the vision and commitment of local leaders and the enterprising initiative of private industry have made this community a success story on the New Energy Frontier."

See <http://www.poweronline.com/article.mvc/Secretary-Salazar-Lauds-Utah-Community-on-0001?VNETCOOKIE=NO>.



International News

World Geothermal Congress Hosted by Indonesia

Indonesia played host to the 2010 World Geothermal Congress attended by representatives of 80 countries seeking to better develop geothermal power worldwide. President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono opened the conference, speaking in support of the greater use of the country's geothermal potentials in coordination with regional authorities, and emphasized environmental balance. "Regional government as the owner of the natural resource should also monitor exploration to prevent environmental damage," he said.

Indonesia's volcanic islands are part of the Pacific "Ring of Fire" and the country continues to plan for further development, seeing geothermal as a solution for meeting the energy demands of some of the most highly populated areas in the world. Reports say over \$1bn could be raised in investment as a result of this conference.

Despite the eruption of Icelandic volcano Eyjafjallajokull, which stopped airline travel for many would-be congress attendees in that part of world, President Olafur Ragnar Grimsson of Iceland was present also to open the congress with President Yudhoyono. His appearance at the congress and the eruption itself symbolically magnified the small nation of Iceland's extensive use of geothermal resources and their work in the industry internationally.

Melbourne, Australia will host the next congress, to be held in 2015. "We are committed to establishing Victoria as a research hub in geothermal science and the honor of becoming the next city to host the World Geothermal Congress confirms our strong reputation in the development of clean, sustainable and renewable energy," Energy and Resources Minister Peter Batchelor told press. "The conference is expected to inject \$9 million into the Victorian economy."

See <http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/science/nature/8643326.stm>,

<http://www.antara.co.id/en/news/1272285789/president-opens-world-geothermal-congress-in-bali>,

<http://www.thejakartaglobe.com/opinion/editorial-to-see-the-future-look-underground/371450>,

<http://www.thegovmonitor.com/economy/melbourne-to-host-world-geothermal-congress-29389.html>, and

http://asiasentinel.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2428&Itemid=226.

Argentina: G4G Announces Revised Terms of Agreement to Acquire Interest in Geothermal Properties

Press Release, April 21 — G4G Resources Ltd. announces that it has entered into an amending agreement that revises the terms under which it would acquire an interest in three separate geothermal areas in Argentina. G4G had previously announced on February 16, 2010 that it had entered into an assignment agreement relating to the proposed acquisition with Grupo Minero Aconcagua S.A. ("Aconcagua"), a private company registered in Argentina and Andean Geothermal Power Corporation, a private company registered in Texas, United States of America ("Andean" and, together with Aconcagua, the "Seller"). Pursuant to the amended assignment agreement (the "Agreement"), the Company will assume the Seller's obligations under an exploration contract with an option to purchase (the "Exploration and Option Agreement") originally entered into between Aconcagua and Geotermia Andina S.A., an Argentinean energy company ("Geotermia Andina"). Aconcagua later assigned its interest in the Exploration and Option Agreement to Andean.

The Exploration and Option Agreement to be assigned to G4G pursuant to the Agreement will provide G4G with geothermal rights to the Valle del Cura (which includes the Despoblados project), Tuzgle and Tocomar projects located in the San Juan, Jujuy and Salta provinces of Argentina, respectively. These projects are in close proximity to roads and/or power lines. The Despoblados project is approximately 8 km from Barrick Gold Corporation's Veladero mine and 20 kilometres from its proposed Pasqua-Lama mine. The Tuzgle property is in close proximity to an existing power grid, and to current and potential lithium operations, which require large amounts of power to process lithium and potash. A technical report on the Despoblados project is being separately announced and filed by G4G on SEDAR.

For more, see http://www.marketwatch.com/story/g4g-announces-revised-terms-of-agreement-to-acquire-interest-in-geothermal-properties-in-argentina-2010-04-21?reflink=MW_news_stmp.

Canada: CanGEA Comments on B.C. Hydro Site C Project Developments

Press Release, April 21 – Recently the Government of British Columbia announced its plans to move forward with the 900 megawatt Site C Clean Energy Project on the Peace River; despite concerns from critics regarding the project and its environmental impacts. CanGEA is pleased to see the province expand its base-load power generation capacity but stresses that geothermal power should be considered as it is an attractive alternative to hydro, both in the short and long term. As BC Hydro forecasts that B.C.'s electricity needs will grow by 20 to 40 per cent over the next 20 years, geothermal energy can help address those needs.

"The province has a real need for new base-load power sources, especially as intermittent renewable energy sources make up a larger percentage of the generation capacity" said David Gowland, Policy Director at CanGEA. Traditionally base-load power has been supplied by large scale hydro facilities, but geothermal power is better suited to fill this role as it operates at capacities equal to or higher than hydro with very little surface disturbance. "Where large scale hydro plants have long lead times and the potential for negative environmental impacts, geothermal power can be developed relatively quickly to generate renewable base-load power as well as provide residential and commercial heating" said Gowland.

While there is currently no geothermal electricity generation in the province, there is optimism that the recent geothermal permit auction has sparked the industry and reignited the push to embrace new sources of base-load power. In fact, the Canadian geothermal industry has seen strong interest from developers and also investors. This year alone CanGEA has welcomed 15 new members so far including geothermal developers and service

companies both nationally and internationally. Unlike other nations whose governments have provided large incentives for geothermal resource development, the Canadian market place has not seen strong financial support from the government resulting in the Canadian industry lagging behind that of the US and Mexico with very similar geology

All politics aside, one thing is certain; the demand for clean, renewable power is sure to increase, whether it is consumed within the province or exported to our neighbors to the south. And while no single energy source can meet this demand, it is clear that a diversified energy portfolio with complementary generation from renewable sources like hydro, geothermal, wind, solar, and tidal power will be best suited to effectively balance environmental concerns and satisfy the power demands of the future.

Indonesia: PLN, Power Plant Developers Reach Price Deal

State-owned PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) and the consortium of Medco Energi Internasional, Ormat International, Itochu Corp, and Kyushu Electric Power have renegotiated the contract for the price of power on the 330-MW Sarulla, North Sumatra plant, currently under construction. The price now agreed upon is 6.79 U.S. cents per kW, with an agreement on a reduced tariff in the future. They are expected to sign a financing deal within a year, and will then have 30 months to complete the first 110 to 120-MW phase of the project.

See <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSLDE63P0C420100426?type=marketsNews>.

Nevis: WIP Secures Funding for 10-MW Geothermal Project

The financing for the 10-MW geothermal project has been secured, according to Chief Executive Officer of West Indies Power Kerry McDonald. The Nevis Island Administration issued a Geothermal Resource Concession for a renewable 25 year term to West Indies Power in April 2009. The company signed a 25 year Power Purchase Agreement with the Nevis Electricity Company Ltd. (NEVLEC) in April 2009. The total cost of the project is \$40 million.

"The financing has been secured for the 10-MW Nevis project, which is the project that will supply power to the island. The agreement has been signed with Scotiabank [Toronto] and it has been guaranteed by the Export Import Bank of the United States (EXIM)," Kerry said. "The project to some people might be a long time coming, in fact we are moving in lightening speed in getting it done, come first half of 2011 the island will be powered by geothermal power," he said.

See http://www.leewardstimes.com/jla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=731:nevis-geothermal-funding-secured&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=50.

New Zealand Highlights Geothermal Leadership at World Geothermal Congress 2010

Press Release, April 26 -- New Zealand showcases its geothermal leadership at the World Geothermal Congress (WGC) 2010 which opens today at the Bali International Convention Centre.

The New Zealand Geothermal Association (NZGA) and a large delegation of scientists, engineers, consultants and investors, and major companies will be demonstrating a full spectrum of professional services and expertise in geothermal development with the support of the New Zealand Government.

Participating exhibitors include Auckland University and the Institute of Earth Science & Engineering (booth GC14), the New Zealand Engineering (booth GC7) including Maskell Production Ltd, Allied Industrial Engineering, Robt Stone and Parsons Brinckerhoff Power, New Zealand's Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences /GNS Science (booth HC9), PT AECOM Indonesia (booth HC8), Sinclair Knight Merz (booth HC6) and Tiger Energy (booth HB4).

"The significant presence at WGC 2010 globally reinforces New Zealand's solid track record in this industry and gives us the opportunity to forge deeper partnerships with other leading geothermal markets in Asia Pacific such as Australia, Indonesia and the Philippines. It is also a fitting launch pad for our joint hosting with Australia of the World Geothermal Congress in 2015," said Alan Koziarski, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise's Regional Director for South and South East Asia.

Blessed with rich geothermal fields, New Zealand is a pioneer in developing large-scale geothermal electricity generation as early as the 1950s. Today, it combines experience with cutting-edge geosciences research and innovation to harness the potential of geothermal to deliver cost-competitive, sustainable energy not just in New Zealand but across the region.

"The geothermal industry is the place to be, with a lot of development over the last few years and much more to come in the near term. Geothermal energy is now getting the profile it deserves as a reliable, clean and renewable form of energy. It is independent of weather and can deliver energy at some of the most competitive unit rates of any energy option for heat or electricity generation," said Spence McClintock, President of the New Zealand Geothermal Association.

For more, see <http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4058922>.

Philippines: Leyte Governor Supports Retaining 25% Geothermal Output

Leyte Governor Carlos Jericho Petilla supports electric cooperatives in the region in demanding that 25% of the capacity of the Tongonan Geothermal Plant be reserved for the Visayas region, according to samarnews.com. He said there is no need for the province and region to suffer power outage.

"If this is something that can be smoothed out by talking, it can spare us the hassle of going to other agencies to support our plight," Gov. Petilla said. "We also have to consider that these are private owners running these plants now and we also have to consider what they have to put up with to ensure continuous operation," he added, and reiterated his stand to lower power rates within the region.

See <http://www.samarnews.com/news2010/apr/a159.htm>.

Romania: Two Million Euros Invested in Geothermally Heated Greenhouses

Transgex Co. has invested two million euros for the construction of a geothermally heated 5-acre greenhouse range in Livada. The greenhouses feature hydroponically-grown tomatoes are expected to produced 800 tons.

See http://www.freshplaza.com/news_detail.asp?id=62465.

United Arab Emirates: DOE Signs MOU on Clean Energy Cooperation

Press Release, April 26 -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and Masdar, Abu Dhabi's multifaceted renewable energy initiative, today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaboration on clean and sustainable energy technologies.

The agreement, signed at DOE by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel Poneman and Dr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, CEO of Masdar, builds on the historically strong ties between the United States and the United Arab Emirates to establish a framework for cooperation in three key areas - carbon capture and sequestration, water and bio-fuels, and building technology. The agreement opens the door for scientific and technical exchanges and joint research and development of clean energy technologies.

"This agreement strengthens the ties that bind the United States and the United Arab Emirates. We look forward to working with Masdar to find clean energy solutions that will help us overcome our energy challenges. By enhancing cooperation on clean energy, we can help build a secure, prosperous and sustainable energy future for the citizens of our nations and the world," said Deputy Secretary Poneman.

Dr. Sultan Al Jaber, CEO Masdar, said: "Today's agreement exemplifies the nature and strength of the bilateral relationship between the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America. Our two nations are strongly aligned when it comes to energy issues and we both recognize it is imperative that we start to change the way we consume energy. We are therefore delighted to be partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy and look forward to the mutual benefits our cooperation will bring in terms of promoting sustaining energy solutions, creating investment opportunities and fostering human and scientific development.

"This is a declaration of Masdar's commitment to work collaboratively with key partners around the world to develop viable renewable energy solutions and to jointly address pressing global energy challenges such as climate change and energy security," he added.

See <http://www.energy.gov/news/8899.htm>.



<http://www.geo-energy.org/updates.aspx>



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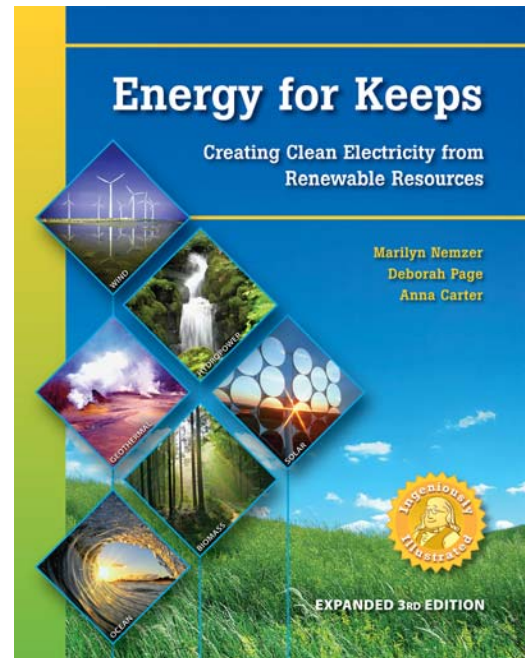
New This Week

Award-Winning *Energy for Keeps* Introduces Expanded 3rd Edition

Energy for Keeps: Creating Clean Electricity from Renewable Resources is an illustrated guide for everyone who uses electricity. From students to energy policymakers, it helps readers of all ages understand the energy issues that now loom large in our daily news. With clear language and engaging illustrations, this book covers all renewable energy sources, the science of electricity generation, energy history, environmental considerations, and energy conservation and efficiency.

This not-too-technical book truly explains all the renewables in a comprehensive, impartial and even-handed manner. It includes biomass, geothermal, hydro, ocean, solar and wind. In its prior editions, *Energy for Keeps* won the 2004 Innovation Award by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council and the 2006 Green Power Leadership Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Center for Resource Solutions.

Marilyn Nemzer, M.A., developer and editor of *Energy for Keeps*, has produced award-winning energy education projects and materials since 1990. She serves on several state and national advisory boards that focus on energy and the environment, is a trustee of the Marin County Board of Education and directs the Geothermal Education Office and the Energy Education Group. She is joined by lead write Deborah Page and technical editor Anna Carter. *Energy for Keeps* is available at www.energyforkeeps.org.



Nomination Period Open, 2010 Green Power Leadership Awards (May 18)

Nomination forms must be received by 5:00 PM PDT on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Center for Resource Solutions, the Green Power Leadership Awards are competitive awards that recognize outstanding commitments and achievements in the green power marketplace in the following three award categories:

- **Market Development.** The Center for Resource Solutions recognizes individuals, companies, or other renewable energy industry leaders that have helped build the market for green power.
- **Purchasers.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes leading partner organizations that have helped further the green power market by making leading green power purchases and increasing awareness among stakeholders.
- **Suppliers.** The U.S. Department of Energy recognizes exceptional achievement among green power suppliers to end-use customers in supporting increased market deployment of renewable energy technologies.

The Awards will be presented on October 20, 2010, in conjunction with the Renewable Energy Markets 2010 Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Please see the 2010 Green Power Leadership Awards Web site for nomination details: http://www.renewableenergymarkets.com/gpla_details.shtml. For additional information on the Renewable Energy Markets 2010 Conference see: www.renewableenergymarkets.com

Notices

BLM Seeking Public Comments on Nevada Geothermal Exploration Proposal

The Bureau of Land Management is accepting written comments following an environmental assessment (EA) for the Coyote Canyon/Dixie Meadows Geothermal Exploration. The two projects, proposed by Terra-Gen Power Dixie Development Company are in the western portion of Dixie Valley. Comments will be accepted through May 10 and should be sent to: Desna Young, planning and environmental coordinator, Stillwater Field Office, 5565 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be submitted via email to desna_young@blm.gov.

Email should include "Coyote Canyon/Dixie Meadows" in the subject line. The EA and supporting documents are posted at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html. A printed copy of the EA can be provided upon request. A copy of the EA is also available in the BLM Carson City District Office during the comment period.

The Department of Energy Wants to Hear Your Stories

Energy Empowers (<http://www.eereblogs.energy.gov/energyempowers>) is all about your stories from the clean energy economy. This blog and multimedia site, run out of DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, seeks to put a human face to the people, places, technologies and developments that will define our energy future – showing everyone that these advancements are real, growing and becoming part of our communities around the United States. We encourage everyone working in the energy space to visit and share their own success stories at <https://www1.eere.energy.gov/pnp/stories/stories.aspx>.

These stories can include DOE and ARRA projects, but we are also eager to see communities, private citizens and businesses taking the initiative in building America towards a clean energy future.

DOE Geothermal Technologies Database Available On-Line

The Geothermal Technologies Program's (GTP) projects database details various GTP-funded projects throughout the United States. You can search this database by keyword, state, project title, technology, awardee, partner, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) number, or funding source. For each project you will find a profile that includes background information, objectives and milestones, and a listing of participants. See <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/projects>

NREL Announces New Poll on Renewable Energy Finance

The National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) recently announced the availability of its new quarterly poll on RE Finance. The project, the RE Project Finance Tracking Initiative (REFTI) is designed to assess trends and barriers in project finance, the effectiveness of government incentive programs, and best practices in RE project finance. Access to good data is critical to thorough analysis and policymaking. Please help by participating in NREL's questionnaire. Any questions or concerns regarding the poll or data confidentiality can be directed to Michael Mendelsohn, Senior Financial Analyst at NREL.

DOE Loans Programs Office Offers Email Updates

From the DOE Loans Programs Office: The U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office invites you to sign up for our email list. On a periodic basis, we will forward program updates including announcements of solicitations, conditional commitments of loan guarantee and closings, and upcoming events in our web-based seminar series. You will find the subscription form on-line at: www.usaenergyadvisors.com/DOE/doe-newsletter-signup.htm

Please feel free to contact DOE's Loan Program Help Desk at doehelpdesk@usaea-connect.com, or 614-324-5940. Or visit DOE's Loan Program on-line at: www.lgprogram.energy.gov for additional information about the Loan Program. Our mailing list is secure and is not distributed or disclosed in any way.



Employment

Added This Week

Program Manager, Office of Geothermal Technologies, U.S. DOE, Washington, DC (June 1)

Job Summary:

The U.S. Department of Energy is an excellent, family friendly employer and an exciting place to work. Our overarching mission is to advance the national, economic and energy security of the United States, to provide scientific and technological innovation in support of that mission; and to ensure the environmental cleanup of the national weapons complex. Winning more R&D awards than any private sector organization and twice as many as all other federal agencies combined, DOE is the Nation's top sponsor of research and development in fields such as alternate fuel vehicles, energy efficiency, gene research, supercomputers and microelectronics.

Key Requirements:

- * U.S. Citizenship
- * Background and/or Security Investigation required.
- * Position involves travel

Duties:

The mission of the Office of Geothermal Technologies Program (OGT) is to provide the overall policy, management, and direction necessary for a balance program of technology planning, research, development, test, analysis, evaluation, and communication that will increase the viability of geothermal technologies. The outcome of these efforts will be to provide clean, competitive, reliable power options for use in all energy supply and end-use sectors of the economy.

The OGT Program represents and provides the national leadership in geothermal technologies for the formulation and execution of national energy policies and programs, and is responsible for the establishment of priorities and maintaining program balance among sub-programs with the Office. The OGT Program works closely in partnership with the U.S. geothermal energy industry to advance the technology, reduce development and operating costs, and maintain a competitive position in domestic and international markets for renewable energy.

The incumbent manages and directs the development, implementation, and evaluation of a national program that involves geothermal technologies including technology planning, research, development, demonstration and regulatory strategies. The incumbent also identifies and interprets legislative requirements for the OGT Program, and manages the implementing activities that satisfies these needs. Oversees the development and implementation of geothermal technology transfer plans; the review, evaluation, and modification of technology transfer performance; and coordinates with the Federal Energy Management Program to demonstrate these technologies at DOE sites and federal facilities.

The incumbent manages and works closely in partnership with the U.S. industry, academia, and national laboratories to advance the technology, market, and policy needs to create and maintain a robust industry for the development of geothermal technology.

For more information, visit http://www1.eere.energy.gov/office_eere/jobs.html.

Project Engineer, Magma Energy, Reno, Nevada

Position Summary:

In line with Company policy and accepted government and industry guidelines, provide engineering design and construction expertise and direction in support of Magma's advanced stage development projects. As Senior Project Engineer the candidate shall be responsible for managing geothermal power plant development projects

from feasibility stage through detailed design, construction and commissioning. This includes technical oversight, scope development, managing all aspects of design and engineering and ensuring that project development activities are conducted to the highest standards of safety and health, conforming to Magma Energy Corp's mission, goals and objectives for safety and health.

Major Responsibilities and Essential Duties:

- Responsible for the design and construction of new projects and the preparation of conceptual studies for geothermal exploitation and expansions.
- Retain the required contractors and service providers to undertake aspects of the design and construction of the projects' infrastructure as well as the preparation of conceptual project studies for geothermal expansions.
- Manage employees and consultants involved with exploration, construction and expansion work.
- Prepare daily, weekly and monthly reports and schedules as required and take on other duties related to the ongoing operations or projects of the Company as may be reasonably required and assigned from time to time.
- Interact with project staff and business unit managers as required to ensure that corporate guidelines and procedures are followed.
- Work effectively with other functional areas in a proactive manner, maintaining a customer-focused perspective

Job Specific and/or Technical Skills Required:

- University degree in mechanical or chemical engineering (electrical may be considered) combined with professional registration (PE) in the State of Nevada (preferred).
- Minimum of 10 years practical experience, with a strong emphasis and grounding in engineering design including experience working in an engineering consulting environment and managing engineering consultants and contractors.
- EPC or EPCM experience working on projects from conceptual stage through construction and commissioning is essential.
- Proven record in contract administration and in supervision of engineering and construction services.
- Candidate must have a solid technical background and be able to understand and ideally develop heat and mass balance models for power plants.
- Experience with geothermal power plant engineering and operations is an asset but is not essential;
- Candidate shall have first-hand experience with corrosion control and mitigation systems in geothermal plants.
- Must be able to develop and maintain project schedules using Microsoft Project or other scheduling software.
- Preparation of daily, weekly and monthly reports and other duties related to the ongoing operations or projects may be required and assigned from time to time.
- Excellent communication skills (both written and verbal) and team leadership skills are important and the ability to manage employees and consultants involved with exploration, construction and expansion work. Spanish would be an asset.
- Interacting with project staff and business unit managers as required ensuring that corporate guidelines and procedures are followed.
- Frequent travel may be required but work will initially be focused on project development activities at the facility in Fallon Nevada

Software Knowledge Requirements:

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Microsoft Project

Contact: Kim Borgna, Magma Energy, at 775.787.7050 ext. 2006 or kborgna@magmaenergycorp.com

Geothermal Operations Manager, CalEnergy Operating Corporation, Calipatria, CA

Purpose of Position:

The geothermal operations manager is accountable for the development and execution of the CalEnergy Operating Corporation (CEOC) Operations Business Plan. This individual develops the department's annual budget and is accountable for CEOC power generation revenues and operations sites. The geothermal operations manager develops and implements long range plans, provides leadership and direction to plant

operating personnel and is responsible for the overall safe, environmentally clean and effective performance of power production facilities for CEOC. Responsibilities and duties are carried out in accordance with the company's policies and procedures, as well as all applicable governmental regulations and guidelines. Work is performed under the direction of the president of CalEnergy Generation U.S.

Direct Reports:

- Operations site managers
- Technical trainer
- Administrative specialist

Primary Job Duties and Responsibilities (Essential Job Functions):

- Adhere to, support and enforce all safety and environmental rules, policies and procedures, regulations and statutes.
- Develop both long and short term strategic operating direction and establish implementation plans to achieve targeted goals.
- Commit the sale of megawatts to established buyers to maximize company profit.
- Perform administrative activities necessary for the effective management of the department, including employee safety, selection and development of employees, salary administration, budget administration, employee counseling and motivation, organization goals and objectives and planning, organizing, integrating, measuring and reporting the work performed within the department.
- Maintain focus on critical plant parameters and programs.
- Make recommendations and decisions that support the company goals and business needs.
- Define, communicate, and acquire resources needed to most effectively operate the facilities.
- Define technical support needed.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's of science degree in electrical, mechanical, chemical, industrial or petroleum engineering from an accredited university or equivalent training/experience. (Typically six years of related, progressive work experience would be needed for candidates applying for this position who do not possess a bachelor's degree.)
- Six or more years of related experience in plant operations and maintenance with five or more years of experience at the managerial level is required.
- Knowledge of PC software applications including spreadsheet, word processing, and database.
- Effective verbal and written communication skills, including presentation skills.
- Effective analytical, problem solving and decision-making skills.
- Ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks and projects concurrently.
- Ability to read and interpret written documents such as accounting reports, safety rules, policy manuals, and professional periodicals/journals. Ability to write routine reports, business correspondence and manuals. Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers, and employees at all levels.
- Ability to define obscure and incomplete problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Able to conceptualize and develop creative alternatives to problem resolution. Capability of interpreting an extensive variety of technical instructions in written, oral, diagram or schedule form. Ability to deal with abstract and concrete concepts.
- A valid California's driver license is required upon employment.

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Employment Opportunities

Environmental & Permitting Manager, Provo, UT

Job Summary: This position is primarily responsible for obtaining, coordinating and managing all of the company's permitting and environmental compliance activities.

Essential Functions:

- Works with department heads in the project planning process to coordinate and manage all of the company's permitting and environmental compliance activities.
- Prepares and submits all federal, state and local permit applications across department lines e.g. drilling, air, storm water, water rights, CUP, Haz Mat, ROW, construction, etc.
- Prepares and tracks permitting budget.
- Procures the services of and manages environmental contractors who perform permit related activities e.g. Phase I, EA, cultural resource and wildlife surveys, hydrologic and soil studies, etc.
- Prepare compliance matrices (punch list) to be utilized by on-site personnel in maintaining regulatory/permit compliance.
- Provide regular training to on-site managers and personnel to allow them to correctly and effectively comply with regulatory/permit requirements.
- Conducts environmental site reviews, manages permit issues, incident reporting, as well as auditing contractors and other on-site third parties for compliance to regulatory requirements.
- Continually evaluate the status of permitting and compliance activities of each project and plant site with the objective of ensuring that all required environmental permits are in place and that all the requirements and applicable Federal, State and Local rules are in compliance.
- Regularly travels to project locations as well as to meet with stakeholders.
- Management of Occupational Health and Safety.
- Coordinates and collaborates with other departments of the corporation in establishing and carrying out responsibilities.
- Maintains appropriate communications within area of responsibility.
- Consults with all segments of management responsible for policy or action. Ensures compliance within area of responsibility. Makes recommendations for improving effectiveness of policies and procedures.
- Assumes other activities and responsibilities from time to time as directed.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in related field e.g. environmental engineering, environmental science or other related science discipline.
- Five or more years related experience in permitting and environmental compliance.
- Demonstrated success in environmental permitting and regulatory compliance activities, particularly working with; BLM and other federal agencies, state agencies; e.g. oil & gas, state engineers, AQ and environmental quality and local rural governments.
- Excellent technical writing skills.
- Strong negotiation skills.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. GIS and Primavera a plus.
- Geothermal renewable energy experience is preferred but not required.

Competencies:

To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate the following competencies to perform the essential functions of this position.

- Strong work ethic, with a high level of energy and commitment to the position.
- Effective leadership skills which demonstrate the ability to participate in strategic thinking and problem solving.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills, both oral and written, with the ability to communicate with individuals at all levels both internally and externally.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills. Ability to get along with diverse personalities. Tactful, mature.
- Ability to establish credibility and be decisive—but able to recognize and support the organization's preferences and priorities.
- Ability to function effectively and efficiently in a fast-paced and changing environment with multiple priorities and objectives.

Compensation will include base salary and performance-based stock incentive based on level of experience. We also offer a full range benefit package.

Further information on Raser may be found at: www.rasertech.com.

Resumes can also be directly submitted to: jobs@rasertech.com.

Renewable Energy Mechanical/Systems Engineer, Idaho International Laboratory

Idaho National Laboratory is seeking a Renewable Energy Mechanical Systems Engineer. This position will involve the assessment of the overall design and operation of geothermal power plants, as well as individual processes and components within a plant. It will also support development of power system performance assessments and designs. The candidate must be able to apply and interpret standard theories, principles, methods, concepts, tools, and technologies associated with electrical power generation from renewable power sources. Work will include evaluation of the effects of innovative concepts and components on power generation costs. The candidate will make preliminary selections and adaptations of technical alternatives. The candidate will provide technical support to the DOE and Work for Others (WFO) customers which will vary in nature, but will include planning, engineering design, data analysis and analytical support activities as well as monitoring of DOE field research projects. In addition to interfacing with customers, the candidate is expected to document, report and present results on work performed, contribute to program progress reports, participate in peer review work of others and manage individual cost and schedule performance metrics. The candidate will contribute to development of new capabilities within the division as well as contribute to scientific and technical products such as patents, software, journal papers, reports, proceedings, and policies. The candidate may also contribute to the development of intellectual property leading to patents, publications, and/or copyrights.

Qualifications

S&E Scientist/Engineer 2. A PhD in Mechanical Engineering with relevant experience in power generation is preferred. Applicants with a MS in Mechanical Engineering with two years of relevant post graduation experience in power generation or a related field will be considered. Applicants with Chemical Engineering degrees and documented experience in Geothermal Power Plant design and operations will be also considered, though a Mechanical Engineer degree is preferred. Ability to obtain and maintain and Department of Energy Q security clearance. Must be a United States citizen.

Job ID: #5414, Interested Candidates, please contact:

Vanessa Van Dyk at Idaho National Laboratory: Vanessa.VanDyk@inl.gov, 208-526-6325

OR apply on line at: www.inl.gov/careers

Project Specialist, SMU Geothermal Laboratory

Project Specialist (Grants/Contracts Specialist for Geothermal Lab) – (Job ID 1371) – (\$20.00 - \$30.00 an hour) – This is a part time position of approximately 20-30 hours per week. The Project Specialist will work with faculty, staff and students on grants/contract related to geothermal energy.

Primary duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Overseeing the solicitation of grants including finding new grants, submitting applications, contracting, budgeting, and working with faculty staff, and student projects associated with the grants;
- Assisting with the development of project strategies and timeline, as well as overseeing progress on project;
- Writing, submitting and presenting project summaries and contract reports to the agency;
- Overseeing administration of grant paperwork and monthly requirements for payroll, budgets, supplies, invoices, and travel;
- Serving as liaison and conduit of information for other SMU offices, government agencies and other institutions;
- Assisting in the planning and coordination of the Geothermal Energy Utilization Conference, including developing the marketing strategy to achieve desired attendance of 200+ and sponsorship coordination and solicitation;
- Responding to requests for information via email and telephone.

Bachelor's degree is required, preferably in Science. Masters of Science in a science field is highly desirable.

Job ID 1371 details at:

https://access.smu.edu/psp/ps/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_CE.GBL?Page=HRS_CE_HM_PRE&Action=A&SiteId=1.

Project Manager

Summary: Responsible for implementation of all aspects of project development from project inception through turn-over to engineering for final design and construction and provide assistance after turn-over to engineering as needed. Will manage multi-disciplinary teams, focused on executing company developmental plans and achieving project goals.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- The PM's two fundamental responsibilities are preparing and maintaining project schedules and budgets. As necessary the PM draws on resources (Development, Senior Scientists, top management) to meet the master project schedule and budget as approved by top management.
- Responsible for oversight, facilitation and implementation of all aspects of project development from initial prospect evaluation to turn over to engineering for final design. Key project factors (schedule, budget) are set by top management. PM's role is to ensure that top management policy is met.
- Negotiates contracts and other agreements related to the sale and transmission of electricity.
- Assists in preparation of financial documents to raise funding necessary to fund project
- Manages Project Development team
- Manages Consultants through the selection process, task assignment, coordination of actions, and quality control.
- Oversee all project land/lease acquisition activities, including contract negotiations.
- Oversees selection of transmission line routes, locations and corresponding transmission agreements
- Provide support to geoscience, drilling, legal, finance, engineering and other departments as needed.
- Meets with government officials and public as necessary.

Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Oversee various project managers, engineers and consultants to facilitate the timely completion of geothermal projects. Direct staff will consist of 3-6 employees.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (B.A. /B.S.) in related field or equivalent preferred.
- Six or more years related experience.
- A broad understanding of permitting on federal lands, drilling, resource development, power plants and transmission systems.
- Ability to gather project information sufficient to create very detailed project development schedules and to build detailed project budgets and financial models to facilitate implementation of the schedules.

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Development Engineer

Job Title: Development Engineer

Summary: Responsible for taking the lead on negotiating the technical sections and provisions in all major project contracts and agreements including; Power Purchase Agreements, Transmission Service Agreements, Interconnection Agreements, EPC contracts and project financing agreements.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Work closely with the VP of Project Development and Legal Department to develop and negotiate the technical provisions in all major project contracts and agreements including PPAs, TSAs, LGIAs, EPC contracts and project financing agreements.
- Negotiate the technical provisions of the major project contracts.

- Coordinate with Management to acquire the technical information required to negotiate all major contracts and agreements.
- Provide progress reports to upper management

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated strong negotiation skills
- Minimum 10-15 years of power plant engineering and construction experience, geothermal or other renewable energy experience desired.
- Minimum of 5 years experience negotiating major contracts for the development of power plant projects.
- Strong knowledge of power plant O&M requirements including scheduling & dispatching energy, metering, maintenance & outage planning.
- Strong knowledge of Nevada and California Utility requirements and concerns with negotiating with Independent Power Producers.
- Strong knowledge of ISO requirements (particularly Nevada and California)
- Strong knowledge of selling power and Renewable Energy Credits on the open market.
- Self starter, excellent problem solving skills, excellent people skills
- Proficient oral and written communication skills
- Proficient computer skills
- Bachelor degree in engineering or equivalent

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Project Manager Geothermal Exploration, Europe**Job Description**

We are a new geothermal energy company, focused on the exploration and development of geothermal power resources in Europe. In 2010, we will be expanding our investigations of several regions that may host economic geothermal resources. Our principals are based in Canada and the US and have successfully developed oil & gas, mining and geothermal resources.

We require a project manager with field experience in geothermal exploration to coordinate in-country staff, consultants and contractors. This individual will have broad responsibility for project planning and management, budgets, liaising with government agencies, characterizing resources with appropriate exploration methods, and preparing detailed reports to describe a number of geothermal aquifers and their relative potential.

We are now interviewing candidates for this assignment. This is a contract position based in Europe that will require in-country and international travel. The initial term of this contract will be one year with the potential of extension for a second year. We will provide an excellent compensation package to the right person including equity incentives. This is an attractive and rewarding opportunity for an entrepreneurial professional.

Responsibilities

- Design and manage the exploration programs
- Prepare and manage budgets
- Manage local staff, consultants and contractors
- Liaise with land owners and local and national governments
- Coordinate geological, geochemical and geophysical studies
- Develop geological and resource models
- Supervise exploratory drilling operations
- Prepare detailed assessments of target geothermal resources
- Prepare funding applications for development and technical assistance

Requirements

- Geology or Geophysics degree, professional certification

- Over 10 years experience in the exploration of geothermal resources
- Oil & gas or mining background will be considered
- Proven leadership and project management abilities
- Proven negotiation and communication skills
- Strong geological and geophysical interpretive skills
- Experience using computer software applicable to exploration
- A problem solver, "get it done" attitude

Location: Europe

Contact: droboters@penderfinancial.com

Senior Director, Business Development, Major Geothermal Company

The Senior Director, Business Development is responsible for overseeing the Business Development function in North America for geothermal market. This role could quickly grow into a VP role and will oversee a sales team currently consisting of 8 sales reps and will grow it by 50%.

Essential Functions:

- Direct and execute the business development strategy to achieve company goals and objectives.
- Identify and develop key strategic partnerships, both internally and externally.
- Responsible for negotiating PPAs and contract changes.
- Evaluate and analyze market expansion opportunities
- Build and lead a business development team that will assist the company towards completion of company goals
- Build relationships with internal departments so that all areas of the company are ready to execute when necessary.

Education, Experience, and Skills Required:

- Bachelor degree in engineering and MBA
 - 10–15 years experience in Sales, Marketing, Business Development or Operations roles (preferably a mix of sales and operations in energy industry)
 - Willingness to travel up to 60% nationally and internationally
 - Ability to negotiate contracts with potential business affiliates
 - Experience in the renewable energy field a strong plus
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- Proven track record maintaining confidentiality and dealing with company proprietary information

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Geothermal Project Supervisor, Central American Bank for Economic Integration, Costa Rica

The Central American Bank for Economic Integration (Banco Centroamericano de Integración Económica, BCIE) is looking for an expert in geothermal energy to supervise a project in Costa Rica. It is called Las Pailas and it is financed through BCIE.

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Visit the BCIE Web site, www.bcie.org - www.cabei.org



Requests for Proposals

Closing This Week

Geologic Sequestration, U.S. DOE (April 30)

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for the Development of Innovative and Advanced Technologies for Geologic Sequestration. Through this RFP, DOE seeks research leading to innovative and advanced technologies that address CO2 geologic storage in all reservoir types and all life cycle phases of CO2 geologic storage operations. \$9.6 million expected to be available, up to 12 awards anticipated. Responses due 4/30/10. For more info, contact Michael DeStefano at michael.destefano@netl.doe.gov or go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000250&agency=DOE>. Refer to Sol# DE-FOA-0000250. (Grants.gov 3/10/10)

RFP Announcements

Industrial Technologies Technical Assistance, DOE (May 6)

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for Industrial Technologies Program Superior Energy Performance Program Administrator Technical Assistance. Through this RFP, DOE seeks to fund an administrator and technical assistance provider for the new American National Standards Institute- accredited Superior Energy Performance industrial plant/facility certification program (SEP-PA). The purpose of SEP is to serve as a roadmap for achieving continual improvement of energy efficiency at industrial facilities. Up to \$5 million expected to be available, 1 award anticipated. Responses due 5/6/10. For more info, contact Michael Buck at michael.buck@go.doe.gov or go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000246&agency=DOE>. Refer to Sol# DE-FOA-0000246. (Grants.gov 2/24/10)

U.S. China Clean Energy Research Center, U.S. DOE (May 14)

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for the U.S. China Clean Energy Research Center (CERC). This Center will facilitate joint clean energy R&D by teams of scientists and engineers from the U.S. and China, as well as serve as a clearinghouse to help researchers in each country. Priority topics include: Building energy efficiency; clean coal including carbon capture and storage; and clean vehicles. \$37.5 million expected to be available, up to 3 awards anticipated. Responses due 5/14/10. For more info, contact Linda Sapp at Linda.Sapp@hq.doe.gov or go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000324&agency=DOE>. Refer to Sol# DE-FOA-0000324. (Grants.gov 3/30/10)

Geothermal Advanced Project Development Grant, Colorado (May 24)

The GEO is now accepting applications for the Geothermal Advanced Project Development Grant. Funding for geothermal projects in any stage of development, from feasibility analysis to commissioning. Eligible applicants include local governments and independent contractors with demonstrated experience in geothermal development and/or with the support of experts in geothermal energy.

All RFA submissions must be received at grants@state.co.us by 5:00pm on May 24th, 2010. For more information, including the application, go to <http://www.rechargecolorado.com/?/resources/category/funding-opportunities/> and look in the "April Grants" section.

State Energy Program, U.S. DOE (May 18 — August 3)

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for the State Energy Program (SEP). This formula grant program provides support to states and territories, for the design and implementation of energy efficiency and renewable energy priorities. Lead applicant must be the state or territorial energy office administering the annual SEP. \$25 million expected to be available, up to 56 awards anticipated. Due date range 5/18 – 8/3/10. For more info, contact Sheldon Funk at sheldon.funk@netl.doe.gov or go to:

<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000308&agency=DOE>. Refer to Sol# DE-FOA-0000308. (Grants.gov 3/26/10)

Climate Change Education, NSF (May 24)

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for the Climate Change Education Partnership Program. This program seeks to establish a coordinated national network of regionally or thematically based partnerships devoted to increasing the adoption of effective, high quality educational programs and resources related to the science of climate change and its impacts. \$10 million expected to be available, up to 15 awards anticipated. Letters of Intent due 4/23/10, final proposals due 5/24/10. For more info, contact Karen Oates at koates@nsf.gov or go to: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf10542. Refer to Sol# 10-542. (Grants.gov 2/24/10)

Climate Adaptation and Disaster Resilience – Indonesia (July 26)

The U.S. Agency for International Development, Mission in Indonesia, requests proposals for Climate Adaptation and Disaster Resilience (CADRE). Indonesia is particularly vulnerable to climate change and disasters. CADRE supports projects that address climate change and disasters by efficiently, effectively and sustainably addressing the needs for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation together, among vulnerable populations in Indonesia. Multiple awards ranging from \$500K to \$1.5 million anticipated. Concept Papers are due 1/25/10 and 7/26/10. For more info, contact Johanna Gardjito at aps10-005@usaid.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=50515>. Refer to Sol# APS10-005. (Grants.gov 12/7/09)

Greenhouse Gas Mitigation, Indonesia (September 15)

The U.S. Agency for International Development Mission in Indonesia requests applications for the Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Program. This RFP will support projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in both the land use/forestry sector and the energy sector. \$1.5 million expected to be available, up to 2 awards anticipated. Responses due 3/30/10 and 9/15/10. For more info, contact Dominic Soenarno at aps10-011@usaid.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=51783>. Refer to Sol# APS-INDONESIA-10-011. (Grants.gov 2/12/10)

U.S. DOE Office of Science (September 30)

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, announces its continuing interest in receiving grant proposals in areas including, but not limited to: Basic Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research, and Advanced Scientific Computing. Proposals accepted through 9/30/10. For more info, including program-specific contacts, go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000179&agency=DOE>. Refer to Sol# DE-FOA-0000179. (Grants.gov 12/4/09)

Power, Controls and Adaptive Networks, NSF (October 7)

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for Power, Controls and Adaptive Networks. This program supports distributed control of multi-agent systems with embedded computation for sensor and adaptive networks. This program emphasizes electric power networks and grids, including generation, transmission and integration of renewable, sustainable and distributed energy systems, such as fuel cells and micro-turbines in large power networks; high power electronics and drives; and understanding of associated regulatory and economic structures. The program also emphasizes energy scavenging and alternative energy technologies, including solar cells, ocean waves, wind, geothermal, low-head hydro, and the hydrogen economy. In addition, the program supports generation and integration in the National Grid (InterGrid), and interdependencies of critical infrastructure in power and communications. Responses due 10/7/10. For more info, contact Radhakishan Baheti at rbaheti@nsf.gov or go to: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13380. Refer to Sol# PD-10-1518. (Grants.gov 2/17/1)



Events

GEA Events

CGEC California Geothermal Energy Summit, Davis, CA (May 10)

The California Geothermal Energy Collaborative will be holding the 2010 California Geothermal Forum (formerly called the Summit) on May 10th as part of the UC Davis Energy Institute's UC Energy Week 2010.

Over the last two years numerous changes have affected how California views and uses energy. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear about the current direction of technology, regulations and incentives that affect the use of geothermal energy in the state and Western region.

A Monday evening reception from 5–7 p.m. will be a free event at the UC Davis Conference Center. It will provide an informal venue for participants from all areas of renewable energy to meet and discuss topics of mutual interest.

Draft Agenda:

Morning Session

8:00 – 8:30 Attendee Check-in

8:30 – 8:45 Welcome and Collaborative Update, William Glassley: CGEC Executive Director and Program Moderator

8:45 - 9:30 Geothermal Energy and Its Role in the U.S. Energy Landscape: Keynote Speaker: Jay Nathwani, Acting Manager, U.S. DOE Geothermal Technologies Program

9:30 – 10:30 Geothermal Power and Transmission Corridors: a Status Report: Moderator Dave Olsen: panel: John McCaull, Geothermal Energy Association; James Avery, Sr. VP of SDG&E (Chair CTPG) or James Shetler, Asst General Manager of SMUD (Vice Chair CTPG); and Keith Casey, CAISO (invited)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 Geothermal Energy's Role in California's Energy Environment: Moderator Elaine Sison-Lebrilla, SMUD; panel - Gerry Braun, California Integrated Renewables Systems; Paul Douglas, Renewables Policy Div. CPUC (invited)

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 1:30 Afternoon Keynote Speaker: Mary Nichols, Chairwoman, California Air Resources Board (CARB)

1:30 – 2:15 Incorporating Non-Power Geothermal Applications in California's Energy Portfolio: Moderator Liz Battocletti, Bob Lawrence and Associates; Panel - Dennis Murphy, GroundSource Geo; Dale Roberts, Sonoma County Water District

2:15 – 2:45 Small Power and Distributed Generation: Moderator Toni Boyd, Oregon Institute of Technology and Dale Merrick, Merrick Consulting

2:45 – 3:00 Increasing Geothermal Production using EGS Systems: Susan Petty, AltaRock Energy

3:00 – 3:15 BREAK

3:15 - 4:15 Current Issues Affecting Geothermal Energy in California: Panel Moderator Charlene Wardlow; Panel - Colin Williams, USGS; Cheryl Seath, Bishop Office BLM; Mignon Marks, California Energy Commission,

4:15 – 5:00 Moving Forward - An Open Discussion on Meeting Future Challenges: Karl Gawell, GEA and William Glassley, Program Wrap-up

5:00 Adjourn

Visit <http://cgec.ucdavis.edu/>. Registration is now open at <http://conferences.ucdavis.edu/confreg/index.cfm?confid=485>

Third National Roundtable, U.S. Forest Service, Washington DC (May 11–12)

Third National Roundtable - May 11-12, 2010 in Washington DC (Legacy Hotel, Rockville, MD). This meeting will allow stakeholders to discuss and build upon the synthesized results from the Science Forum and the preceding national and regional roundtables.

From the Meridian Institute: As you may be aware, the U.S. Forest Service is engaged in a collaborative process to engage, educate, encourage meaningful dialogue, and gain as much input as possible from interested stakeholders toward the development of a new National Forest Planning Rule. So far, there have been meetings at both the national and regional level with participation from a broad array of stakeholders. Through this process, we hope that both stakeholders and the Forest Service can explore new ideas, find common understanding, and clearly lay out where disagreements exist. This kind of information will be very valuable to the Forest Service as they develop new regulations that can guide planning across the great diversity of forests that exists.

In order to make this process successful, it is important that participants representing all forest users and interests have an opportunity to engage in these discussions. We would like to invite you to participate in the remaining national roundtable meetings.

The National Roundtables are being convened by the Forest Service with support from the US Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (USIECR) and the Meridian Institute. Please pre-register here: www.fsnationalmeetings.eventbrite.com. If you have questions concerning special needs or to request sign language interpretation, contact Danielle Youngblood at (202) 354-6451 or dyoungblood@merid.org at least a week before the scheduled roundtable.

So far, the Science Forum, one national and multiple regional roundtables have occurred. The results of these meetings will be posted on the Forest Service Planning Rule Website. Tribal collaboration and consultation, and an electronic discussion forum at the Planning Rule Blog are also being utilized to gather input. The national roundtables will include a webcast component with links to the planning rule blog to allow for participation by those unable to attend the events in person; webcasting may also be available for some of the regional roundtables. More information about the process, the Notice of Intent, and these meetings can be found on Forest Service Planning Rule Website.

Secretary Vilsack's charge to the Forest Service gives all stakeholders a unique opportunity to play a vital role in the development of a new National Forest Service planning rule that draws on the best elements of previous rulemaking efforts, while considering new scientific knowledge as well as the evolving values and priorities for forest and ecosystem management. Please join in this exciting endeavor. Thank you! The Meridian Institute Team

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It has been several years since GTP's last peer review and the program is excited to see all its projects and principal investigators together in one place. The program looks forward to productive discussions and feedback on the projects.

The 2010 GTP Peer Review will be held at:

Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Visit <http://crystalcity.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp> for more information. Block rates will be provided to GTP Peer Review attendees.

See http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/news_detail.html?news_id=15832.

**Note: For anyone attending the DOE GTP program review on May 18–20, GEA will extend the reduced GEA Member/Government Employee rate for admission to the GEA Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum on May 21 in Washington, DC. The program will include a panel of leading research project presentations!*

GEA Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum, Washington, DC (May 21)

GEA will be holding a one-day “Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum” in Washington, DC on Friday, May 21, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The “Global Geothermal Showcase and Forum” will provide a showcase of current geothermal projects and policies in the U.S. and around the world.

The day’s agenda will include presentations and panel discussions by U.S. and international government representatives on geothermal power as well as an overview of GEA’s forthcoming International and U.S. Geothermal Industry Updates by GEA staff and others. Other topics to be covered include national and international policies to support geothermal development, the global potential for geothermal energy, and geothermal research and technology developments.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Jay Nathwani, Technology Manager, U.S. Department of Energy Geothermal Technologies Program
- Jacques Beaudry-Losique, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Renewable Energy of the Office of EERE, confirmed
- Chris Miller, Senior Advisor to Senator Harry Reid
- Allyson Anderson, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- Karl Gawell, Executive Director, Geothermal Energy Association
- Richard Clayton, Principal Executive Officer, Raser Technologies
- Halley Dickey, Director of Geothermal Business Development, TAS
- Toni Volpe, President, Enel North America
- Lou Capuano, Jr., CEO, ThermaSource, LLC
- Jonathan Weisgall, VP, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, MidAmerican Energy Holdings Co.
- C.J. Arrigo, Director, Glacier Partners Corp.
- Alison Thompson, VP Corporate Relations, Magma Energy Corporation
- George Alcorn, CEO, Universal GeoPower
- Josh Nordquist, Project Manager, Ormat Technologies
- Charles Baron, Researcher, Climate and Energy Team, Google.org
- Bernie Karl, Owner, Chena Hot Springs
- Dr. Jefferson Tester, Croll Professor of Sustainable Energy Systems, Cornell University
- Ryan Mulholland, International Trade Specialist, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Mark Taylor, Lead Analyst, CCS and Geothermal, Bloomberg New Energy Finance
- Kerry McDonald, West Indies Power
- Mike Ronzello, North American Sales and Business Development Manger, Pratt & Whitney Power Systems
- Randy Norman, Perma Works
- Kermit Witherbee, Bureau of Land Management
- Brian Fairbank, President and Chief Executive Officer, Director, Nevada Geothermal Power
- James M. Kiiru, Commercial Attache, Embassy of the Republic of Kenya

Registration is open and available at http://geo-energy.org/workshops/workshop_may21.aspx. There will also be a limited space for tabletop displays for companies who wish to showcase their company and projects. Special thanks to our Gold Level Sponsor to date; Pratt & Whitney Power Systems.

Contact: Kathy@geo-energy.org

13th Annual Congressional Renewable Energy + Efficiency EXPO + Forum, Sustainable Energy Coalition, Washington, DC (May 27)

Sustainable Energy Coalition
Cannon House Office Building — Caucus Room
Thursday, May 27, 2009

On May 27, the Sustainable Energy Coalition - in cooperation with Members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucuses - will host the 13th annual Congressional Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency EXPO + Forum. Its theme will be "Renewable Energy + Energy Efficiency = Green Jobs".

This year's EXPO will bring together nearly fifty businesses, sustainable energy industry trade associations, government agencies, and energy policy research organizations to showcase the status and near-term potential of the cross-section of renewable energy (biofuels/biomass, geothermal, solar, water, wind) and energy efficiency technologies. A morning news conference will feature Members of the U.S. Congress while afternoon speakers will discuss the role sustainable energy technologies can play in meeting America's energy needs.

The EXPO is free, open to the public, and no RSVPs are required. For more information or to inquire about exhibiting contact Ken Bossong, Sustainable Energy Coalition, 301-270-6477 x.11, kbossong614@yahoo.com.

GEA Geothermal Energy Workshop, Las Vegas, NV (July 22)

GEA is planning a Geothermal Energy and Utilities Workshop on July 22, 2010 in Las Vegas. This event will cater to the large number of utilities that are interested in geothermal energy. Registration opening in mid-April.

Contact: Kathy@geo-energy.org

GEA Geothermal Energy Expo and GRC Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA (October 24-27)

Exhibitor Registration is open. Booth spaces are more than 75% sold out, please book soon!! Register at <http://www.geothermalenergy2010.com/>.

Every year, the Geothermal Energy Expo® hosts the world's largest gathering of vendors providing support for geothermal resource exploration, characterization, development, production and management. It provides a unique opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their projects, equipment, services and state of the art technology to the geothermal community. The Expo is held in conjunction with the GRC Annual Meeting, www.geothermal.org.

Last year's count was 2300 participants and planning shows this year's numbers will top it. This year the Expo will be held in Sacramento, CA at the Sacramento Convention Center Complex, a component of the City of Sacramento Convention, Culture and Leisure Department.

Exhibitor Benefits include:

- * 50-word company listing in the official event guide
- * Exhibit Booths are 10' x 10' and has an 8' high back drape and 3' high side drapes
- * A 7" x 4" identification sign with the Exhibitor's name and space number
- * Each booth will also include a table, two chairs and a wastebasket.
- * Enhanced Exhibitor Listing on event website, www.geothermalenergy2010.com
- * For every 100 sq ft exhibitors receive 3 booth staff passes
- * Complimentary Expo Hall passes to distribute to your clients and customers

To view the floor plan for the 2010 Expo, please go to: http://www.geothermalenergy2010.com/floor_plan.asp

To register as an Exhibitor, please go to: <http://www.geothermalenergy2010.com/registration.asp>

To view the Exhibitors contract for 2010, please go to: <http://www.geothermalenergy2010.com/contract.asp>

More information including sponsorship opportunities, room block, and special events coming soon. We are looking forward to another great Expo! Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

Contact: Kathy@geo-energy.org

Why Should You Attend GEA Events?

As the national trade association for the geothermal industry, the Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) strives to create and deliver educational events involving the full range of the geothermal industry, reflecting the dynamic growth of the geothermal market, and communicating the benefits of geothermal energy to all. GEA events offer

important opportunities to learn and network within the geothermal community, and to inform and educate companies and organizations outside today's industry that are interested in learning more about geothermal energy. The revenue generated from GEA events is used to advance the goal of the GEA, "to expand the production and use of geothermal energy in the United States and around the world." The revenue supports GEA's workshops and events, communications activities, outreach efforts, policy related activities and analysis, internet publications, and other initiatives designed to help achieve this goal. ONLY GEA puts your dollars to work in all of these ways to advance the future of the geothermal energy industry. And, GEA does not sell your email or postal address to junk mailers or spammers.

To keep track of new events and changes to this calendar go to: www.geo-energy.org.

Other Events

May 2010 Geothermal Lease Sale, BLM, Reno, NV (May 11)

The next geothermal lease sale is tentatively scheduled for May 11, 2010 at:

Bureau of Land Management

Nevada State Office

P.O. Box 12000 (1340 Financial Blvd.)

Reno, Nevada 89520-0006

See <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html> and

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/minerals/leasable_minerals/geothermal0/ggeothermal_leasing.html.

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From http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/news_detail.html?news_id=15832.

Clean Energy and Business Development Mission, U.S. Department of Commerce, Indonesia (May 23–25)

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke will lead a business development trade mission to Indonesia in May focused on clean energy deployment. Interested companies and trade associations can apply at

http://www.trade.gov/cleanenergymission/tg_main_002483.asp. The mission should be a great opportunity for the U.S. geothermal industry to further deploy technologies in Indonesia. Contact Ryan Mulholland at Ryan.Mulholland@trade.gov or (202) 482-4693 or email CleanEnergyMission@doc.gov.

Policy Event – Breakfast on Parliament Hill, CanGEA, Ottawa, ON (June 17)

Canadian Geothermal Energy Association

<http://www.cangea.ca/>

CanGEA's Third Annual Conference & Trade Show, CanGEA, Vancouver, BC, (August 9 & 10)

Canadian Geothermal Energy Association

<http://www.cangea.ca/>

Geothermal Investment Forum and Networking Event, CanGEA, Toronto, ON, (September 14)

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Geothermal Investment Forum and Networking Event, CanGEA, Calgary, AB (December 3)

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