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## GEA releases 2011 Geothermal Education and Training Guide

*-Academic institutions are taking note of a growing industry in need of trained professionals-*

Washington, DC (August 16, 2011) – The Geothermal Energy Association has released the 2011 Geothermal Education and Training Guide, highlighting colleges, universities and training institutions across the country that are responding to a growing need for industry professionals with undergraduate, graduate, and certification programs related to geothermal.

Developing geothermal energy requires a wide range of experts in a variety of fields, meaning students have to consider a number of different educational paths. GEA's Guide highlights the institutions with geothermal-specific programs, coursework, or research opportunities.

"Geothermal energy is growing today and the industry will continue to expand in the future to meet our clean energy needs. As it does, there is a critical need for new thinking and a new generation of professionals to advance the field," said GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell. "This guide is an essential tool for any student interested in exploring their future opportunities in the geothermal field."

The Guide includes three sections:

- Schools and Universities with Geothermal Programs, Course Components and/or Research Opportunities
- Technical Training Schools and Institutions
- Schools and Institutions for Geothermal Heat Pump Education and Technical Training

The Guide is available at <http://geo-energy.org/reports.aspx>. The GEA continues to feature promising students venturing into the geothermal industry on the Geothermal Web at <http://www.geothermalweb.org/studentfeatures.aspx>.

On August 16-17, the GEA will host the first ever National Geothermal Summit, convening business and policy leaders in Reno, Nevada to address the most pressing issues facing the industry. Complimentary admission is available to students. Valid student ID required at registration.

To view the agenda and register for the Summit, visit <http://www.geo-energy.org/nationalgeothermalsummit/main.aspx>. Requests for media credentials should be directed to Adam Daley, The Rosen Group, at [adam@rosengrouppr.com](mailto:adam@rosengrouppr.com) or 646-695-7043.

### **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](#).