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## **Geothermal Energy Association Announces New Program, Recognizing Industry Advances -Inaugural GEA Honor Awards-**

Washington, DC (February 17, 2011) – Today the [Geothermal Energy Association](#) (GEA) announced the call for entries for the first-ever [GEA Honors](#) award program.

“We are excited about the awards and the opportunity to recognize the geothermal industry’s most innovative and inspiring developments from the past year,” said Karl Gawell, Geothermal Energy Association Executive Director. “The GEA Honors will shine a light on the contributions being made by the individuals and companies who are doing an exemplary job of promoting and growing geothermal power.”

Nominations are currently being accepted for the awards program. In this inaugural year, awards will be given to GEA member companies in the following categories:

- **Technological Advancement** – Awarded to an individual or company that has developed a new, innovative, and/or pioneering technology to further development
- **Environmental Stewardship** – Awarded to an individual or company that has fostered outstanding environmental stewardship through the use of geothermal systems. Award to be presented in conjunction with the environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)
- **Economic Development** – Awarded to an individual or company that has made a substantial contribution to the development of local, regional, or national markets through the development of geothermal systems

Additionally, the GEA Honors will be accepting nominations for special recognition of those individuals and companies who have made outstanding achievements in the geothermal industry. These awards are open to GEA members as well as non-member companies and individuals.

The GEA Honors program deadline for entries is July 1, 2011.

For more information about the [GEA Honors](#) program or questions about the [Geothermal Energy Association](#), please contact Garret Drexler at 646-695-7042 or [garret@rosengrouppr.com](mailto:garret@rosengrouppr.com).

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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