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**Geothermal Energy Association Welcomes Visitors to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Renewable Energy + Energy Efficiency EXPO + Forum**

Washington D.C. (June 13, 2011) — The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) will join over 50 businesses, sustainable energy industry trade associations, government agencies, and energy policy research organizations to showcase renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies in the U.S. today.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Congressional Renewable Energy + Energy Efficiency EXPO + Forum, held in cooperation with Members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency (RE/EE) Caucuses, will be open for the public to interact with exhibits and hear from industry experts at the Cannon Caucus Room on Thursday, June 16 between 9:30 am and 4:30 pm ET.

Also, three dozen speakers will discuss ground breaking technologies during a day-long program being held in the House Veterans Affairs Committee Room. GEA's Executive Director, Karl Gawell, will provide an update on geothermal markets in the U.S. and the world. Gawell will speak in the morning (~9:30 am ET).

The schedule for the EXPO is as follows (all times ET):

- 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Exhibits Open for Viewing
- 11:30 am – 12:30 Welcoming Remarks by Members of Congress
- 12:45 pm – 2:00 Presentations by Executive Branch officials
- 9:40 am – 11:30 am Exhibitor Speakers (Veterans Affairs Committee room)
- 2:15 pm – 4:30 pm Exhibitor Speakers (Veterans Affairs Committee room)

Geothermal energy has been a hot topic in the growing need for national security, climate stabilization, and independence from fossil fuels. Just this week on the Senate floor, Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) led a group of Western Senators to reintroduce a geothermal bill for noncompetitive leasing. And in the administration, the Department of Energy this week announced new funding - up to \$70 million - for geothermal energy projects.

The GEA represents U.S. companies who contribute to the geothermal energy in the U.S. and worldwide. Visit the GEA exhibit at the event to learn more about this hot topic. We will showcase our recent reports and upcoming events, as well as the Geothermal Web: GEA's new database for geothermal companies and independent geothermal professionals, students, and enthusiasts in the U.S. Learn more about the people who contribute to the geothermal industry, and about our first-ever GEA National Geothermal Summit, happening in just weeks, this August 16-17 in Reno, Nevada.

For additional information about the EXPO, please contact Ken Bossong of the Sustainable Energy Coalition at 301-270-6477 x.11 or e-mail him at [kbossong614@yahoo.com](mailto:kbossong614@yahoo.com). For information on the Geothermal Energy Association, our events and the Geothermal Web, visit [www.geo-energy.org](http://www.geo-energy.org).

**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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