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Case Studies, Technology, and Incentives to be Featured at Geothermal Heating and Small Power Workshop

Klamath Falls, Oregon -- On August 12 the Geothermal Energy Association and the Oregon Institute of Technology's Geo-Heat Center will be holding a workshop focusing on geothermal direct heat and small power case studies, technology and incentives. "Recent technology developments, new state and federal tax incentives, and growing public concern about climate change are all working to promote geothermal energy, and direct heating and small power are growth areas," according to Karl Gawell, GEA's Executive Director.

The GEA-OIT workshop will bring together -- for the first time ever -- those interested in using geothermal energy for distributed power generation and direct heating purposes from across the West. Pratt & Whitney Power Systems, maker of the PureCycle® Power System, is the Gold Level Sponsor of the event, and the Oregon Department of Energy is a cosponsor.

The workshop will feature presentations on successful geothermal uses for school heating, district heating, fish farming, greenhouses, spas/resorts, and small power production - including generation utilizing hot water from oil and gas wells. In addition, Dr. John Lund, Director, GeoHeat Center, Oregon Institute of Technology, will make a presentations on the OIT heating and power systems and the total US potential for geothermal heating and small power production.

Among the leading power equipment suppliers, drilling and exploration firms, and engineering and construction companies on the agenda are Pratt and Whitney Power Systems, Turbine Air Systems, SNC-Lavalin , and ThermaSource. Representative from the US Department of Energy, Oregon Department of Energy, and Oregon Environmental Trust, the US Bureau of Land Management and the Geothermal Energy Association will discuss programs that can help those interested in utilizing geothermal energy, including new federal and state financial incentives.

OIT's Klamath Falls campus is a world-class example of both geothermal direct use heating and small power production. OIT expects its new geothermal power plant will be up and running by the time of the workshop. Together with its geothermal heating systems, OIT's campus will be a practical showcase for those attending the event.

While geothermal resources have been used for heating purposes in the West for over 100 years, small power technology utilizing geothermal resources is a new trend. Alaska, Florida, New Mexico, Oregon

and Wyoming have each seen or will soon see geothermal power produced for the first time. In each of these cases the power is being used locally for power generation for a resort, commercial business, or similar site.

Registration for the August 12 Workshop is \$195 for the general public and \$95 for GEA Members, non-profit groups, government employees. Registration includes workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. OIT has organized a field trip for the following day, and registration for the August 13 Field Trip is an additional \$75.

For more information, or to register for the workshop or field trip, visit: www.geo-energy.org