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Geothermal Power Experts to Convene in Seattle

Washington, DC -- Geothermal power is poised for dramatic growth, and the companies that will bring new clean power to the West will be converging on Seattle for the next Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) "Technology, Finance, and Development Workshop" on June 3.

Among the presenters at the Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) event will be:

- Spokespersons for companies leading new technology innovation and project development, including Paul Thomsen of Ormat Technologies, Michael Ronzello of Pratt and Whitney Power Systems, and Hank Sennott of Enel North America.
- GEA's Executive Director, Karl Gawell, who will discuss the tax incentives, loan guarantees, and other new incentives for geothermal power being advanced in Washington.
- Ed Wall, Program Director, U.S. Department of Energy Geothermal Technologies Program, which was just provided nearly \$500 million to support new geothermal technology development and applications.

With new federal and state incentives, there will be billions of dollars of new investment in geothermal power bringing tens of thousands of new jobs to the U.S., according to GEA.

Geothermal companies participating in the workshop represent over 40 new geothermal power projects which together will bring roughly 1,000 MW of power on line, enough power to meet the household energy needs of Seattle and Portland combined. In addition to Ormat Technologies, Pratt and Whitney, and Enel, geothermal companies scheduled to present include: AltaRock Energy, Power Engineers, Raser Technologies, Western GeoPower, Nevada Geothermal Power, Turbine Air Systems, ThermaSource, Google.org, and US Renewables Group.

Along with Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, participants will include environmental representatives, local and state government officials, legal and regulatory experts, and others who will join the geothermal community in the day-long program covering nearly every aspect of this exciting renewable energy technology.

"The West has a huge untapped geothermal energy potential," according to Gawell. "This workshop will help realize this potential by encouraging collaboration between leading geothermal developers, finance and investment specialists, government officials, lawyers, and technology experts from around the nation," he said.

Registration for the event is \$195 for GEA Members and \$295 for non-members (price includes light breakfast, lunch, snack, and workshop proceedings). Reduced price registrations are available for non-profit organizations and credential press are complimentary—please contact Kathy Kent at kathy@geo-energy for confirmation.

The workshop will be held at the Washington Convention and Trade Center in Seattle, Washington from 8am to 5:30pm on June 3, 2009. For more information and to register, visit: <http://www.geo-energy.org>.