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GovEnergy 2009

Federal Energy Management Tradeshow Reaches Out to College Students

(Providence, R.I.) GovEnergy, the nation's premier energy training workshop and tradeshow for federal employees and military professionals, is extending an invitation to college students to visit its tradeshow. GovEnergy will provide complimentary access to its tradeshow between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, R.I. College students with an interest in energy efficiency, water conservation, sustainable design, renewable energy, energy finance, utilities, and alternative fuels are encouraged to attend.

"GovEnergy is an outstanding opportunity for students to network and learn," says Joe Sabel, GovEnergy's Technical Program Coordinator and Environmental Section Chief, Naval Engineering Division, Maintenance and Logistics Command Pacific, with the U.S. Coast Guard. "A recent poll of the attending energy service companies indicates there is still a large demand for—and shortage of—qualified energy professionals. Any student with an interest in this field would benefit from attending GovEnergy."

Interested college students are encouraged to register onsite on August 11, beginning at 1 p.m. at the GovEnergy registration desk in the Rhode Island Convention Center. Each student registrant will be asked to show a valid student id (issued from their college or university) and will receive a wrist band, granting access to the exhibit hall.

Promoting the 2009 theme *Charting a Course to Energy Independence*, the tradeshow will feature over 200 exhibitors, showcasing the latest technologies and solutions for energy management. Attendees gain valuable knowledge while participating in this ideal forum for networking with colleagues and industry experts.

GovEnergy is sponsored annually by the Department of Energy, General Services Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and the Environmental Protection Agency. Over 2,500 government employees are expected to attend the August 9-12 training and workshop.

In 2008, the federal government spent \$23.8 billion in energy expenditures for its facilities, operations, and vehicles. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 imposed strict mandates on federal agencies to monitor and reduce their energy consumption. Federal agencies are making significant investments in energy conservation products and services to comply with these mandates. These investments will be bolstered by funds allocated to agencies by The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. GovEnergy helps federal employees identify methods to achieve their objectives.

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