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Geothermal Energy Industry Leaders and Experts at the Newseum, Wednesday, May 6th

Geothermal industry leaders and experts will be part of a "Geothermal Showcase" at the Newseum in Washington, DC, Wednesday afternoon, from Noon-5:00 pm. The program will invite participants to "virtually visit" some of the leading geothermal energy projects now being developed in the United States and hear from companies that are at the forefront of geothermal power growth. It will include digital tours of geothermal power plants and presentations envisioning future geothermal technologies. There will also be a panel of leading geothermal scientists discussing the question: "What can geothermal resources contribute to our energy needs?"

The "Geothermal Showcase" is sponsored by the Geothermal Energy Association along with Ormat, Enel North America, and Pratt and Whitney Power Systems. Karl Gawell, GEA's Executive Director, Paul Thomsen, Director for Policy and Business Development of Ormat, Toni Volpe, President and CEO of Enel North America, and John Fox, Director/General manager of Pratt and Whitney Power Systems will be leading presenters.

Other industry speakers include Lou Capuano, Jr., CEO of ThermaSource, Ken MacLeod, President and CEO of Western GeoPower, Kevin Wallace, Senior Project Manager of Power Engineers, Brian Fairbank, President and CEO of Nevada Geothermal Power, Michael Hayter, Director of Geothermal Development for Raser Technologies, and Bernie Karl, Owner of Chena Hot Springs Resort.

Leading government and scientific speakers will be Professor Jefferson Tester of MIT, Dr. Lisa Shevenell, Director of the Great Basin Center for Geothermal Energy at the University of Nevada Reno, Maria Richards, Geothermal Lab Coordinator for Southern Methodist University, and Toni Boyd, Assistant Director of the GeoHeat Center at the Oregon Institute of Technology, and Andrew Sabin, Director of the US Navy's Geothermal Program Office.

A special presentation on the future of geothermal technology will be presented by Dan Reicher, Director of Climate Change and Energy Initiatives for Google.org along with Charles Baron of Google.org.

Members of the press are invited to attend the event and can request individual interviews with the many experts attending by contacting Leslie Blodgett at the Geothermal Energy Association, 202-454-5241.