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**GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Geothermal Energy Expo
Welcomes World's Largest Annual Geothermal Energy Gathering
Portland, Oregon, USA: September 28 through October 1**

Portland, Oregon, USA (September 24, 2014) – The geothermal energy world is coming to Portland, Oregon next week to take part in the largest annual event for the industry.

With the international geothermal power market booming, with a sustained growth rate of 4% to 5% and almost 700 projects currently under development in 76 countries, the GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Geothermal Energy Expo is expected to be an exciting international gathering of geothermal companies, academics, financiers, policy leaders, students, and other individuals. The global geothermal community is gathering to attend or exhibit at the event, to be held from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon, USA.

This is the premier gathering to learn about the latest developments in geothermal energy. Last year, the GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Expo hosted representatives from more than 37 countries. Participants from six continents were present. In 2014, an even broader attendance is anticipated.

The GRC Annual Meeting will offer technical, policy, and market conference sessions, educational seminars, tours of local geothermal and renewable energy projects, and numerous networking opportunities.

"Portland was chosen as the site for this meeting because it is the gateway to a new geothermal frontier in the US Pacific Northwest," said GRC Executive Director Steve Ponder. "Impressive geothermal sites and volcanoes are in the immediate vicinity and Portland itself has a vibrant downtown area with world class shopping and dining."

The GEA Expo floor features a unique opportunity for leaders in the business to showcase their projects, equipment, services and state of the art technology to the geothermal community.

"The GEA Expo will showcase the latest innovations that are taking geothermal technology to the next level," said GEA Executive Director Karl Gawell. "We look forward to dialoguing with the many industry leaders expected from nearly every continent, making Portland one of the hottest venues for geothermal in 2014."

Special presentations for international visitors are available. The seventh annual GRC International Luncheon will bring together experts from around the world with U.S. private and public sector stakeholders to discuss geothermal energy developments in Eastern Africa. Attendees will be able to meet and greet these experts, and explore partnership opportunities. Also, the GRC International Session will have experts from around the world present the latest geothermal energy developments in regional markets: Australasia, Indonesia,

Philippines, Japan, Middle East, Europe, South America, Central America, and North America.

In addition the Power Africa Pavilion at the GEA Expo will feature representatives from the leading countries in the East Africa: Djibouti, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Uganda.

Geothermal energy is a firm yet flexible renewable energy source that can bring the reliability of 24/7 baseload power or complement other energy technologies by firming up more intermittent power generation. It can also provide distributed power generation from small co-production projects, with one of the smallest environmental footprints of any technology. Geothermal has the potential to help meet many U.S. states' Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) goals as an alternative to fossil fuels. Recent breakthroughs in Enhanced Geothermal System (EGS) technology for exploiting geothermal resources around the world raise bright prospects for the industry.

As one of the country's leading geothermal prospects, Oregon has spearheaded new initiatives that move to recognize the values of geothermal power, leading the industry to be optimistic that state policies such as these could spark another period of growth in geothermal power over the next decade. In addition, Oregon Public Utility Commission changed its current methodology for calculating standard renewable avoided cost prices that might more fairly calculate the cost of geothermal power. Southern Oregon boasts a cluster of developing geothermal power projects that fall in a highly desirable Klamath Basin that geothermal developers are actively pursuing.

For more information about exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, please visit geothermal.org or geothermalenergy2014.com. Student registration is complimentary with valid student ID.

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About the Geothermal Resources Council:

With the experience and dedication of its diverse, international membership bolstering a more than 40 - year track record, the Geothermal Resources Council (GRC) has built a solid reputation as one of the world's preeminent geothermal associations. The GRC serves as a focal point for continuing professional development for its members through its outreach, information transfer and education services. For more information, please visit www.geothermal.org. Get your daily geothermal news at [Global Geothermal News](#). Become a fan on [Facebook](#). Follow GRC on [Twitter @GRC2001](#) or at the event on #GRCAM2014. Check out GRC's [YouTube Channel](#). See geothermal photos on GRC's [Flicker page](#).

About the Geothermal Energy Association:

The Geothermal Energy Association (GEA) is a trade association comprised 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 www.geo-energy.org. Check out GEA's [YouTube Channel](#). Follow GEA on [Twitter](#). Become a fan on [Facebook](#).

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