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**GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Geothermal Energy Expo
Welcomes World's Largest Annual Geothermal Energy Gathering
*Reno, Nevada, USA: September 20-23***

Reno, Nevada, USA (September 17, 2015) – The geothermal energy world is coming to Reno, Nevada next week to take part in the largest annual event for the industry.

The international geothermal power market is booming and 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 international geothermal community is marking their calendars to attend or exhibit at the event, to be held from September 20-23 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Reno, Nevada, USA.

This is the premier gathering to learn about the latest developments in geothermal energy. Last year, the GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Expo hosted more than 1,400 representatives from 39 countries. Participants from six continents were present. In 2015, an even broader attendance is anticipated.

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

The GEA Expo will feature exhibits by leading companies featuring new technology from drillers, suppliers, developers and more.

"Nevada is home to numerous geothermal and other renewable energy projects" said Steve Ponder, Executive Director of the GRC. "Geothermal, in addition to generating electricity, generates jobs and property tax revenues for local counties."

"The GRC Annual Meeting & GEA Expo offers a unique opportunity for leaders in the business to learn about latest market developments and showcase their projects, equipment, services and state of the art technology to the geothermal community," said Karl Gawell, Executive Director of GEA.

Special presentations for international visitors are available. The eighth 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, Ukraine and the Philippines. 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.

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.

For more information please visit www.geothermal.org or www.geothermalenergy2015.org.

Join the conversation on Twitter by following the GRC @GRC2001 and #GRCAM2015 or GEA at @geoenergist and #GEAExpo2015.

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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.

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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 [youtube.com/geoenergyshot]. Follow GEA on Twitter @geoenergist. Become a fan on Facebook [facebook.com/geothermalenergyassociation].

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