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### Kansas Green Energy Summit and Expo to be held in Independence, KS

From groundbreaking energy efficiency to a growing wind industry to technology innovation, Kansas has set the pace for the green revolution. April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, hundreds of green leaders from all levels of Kansas government, business and industry, and education will meet in Independence, KS and take stock of the progress of the sustainability movement at the Kansas Green Energy Summit and Exposition.

Developed under the leadership of Chenoa Bosch, ICC Coordinator of Workforce Development and MiChielle Cooper, LCC Director of Workforce Education & Community Services, the Summit plans to be the public sector's largest annual forum for innovations in green policy, practice and technology. The Summit is being co-hosted by Independence Community College and Labette Community College. Current sponsors of the 2010 event include Independence Community College, Labette Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Westar Energy, The Booth Hotel and Cocktail Lounge, Kansas Council for Workforce Education, and LilyPad Electric Vehicles.

The opening keynote speaker for the Summit will be **Mr. Gary Hogsett**. He has provided energy analysis studies for more than 1500 buildings. His two engineering degrees, specializing in energy management, and his 28 years of experience in the Energy Management field have earned him a national reputation, as evidenced by his selection as speaker at eight different World Energy Engineering Congresses.

Mr. Hogsett is also an accomplished and passionate public speaker and trainer, and has won ten regional public speaking contests sponsored by Toastmasters International. He has given more than 300 presentations in the area of energy conservation, energy management, and renewable energy. Mr. Hogsett resides in Kansas, but he has been invited to speak in a wide variety of locales ranging from California to New Jersey, and from Wisconsin to Puerto Rico.

**Mr. Caleb Asher**, Deputy Secretary of Workforce Services for the Kansas Department of Commerce will be the closing speaker on April 8<sup>th</sup> discussing the green workforce in Kansas. Mr. Asher leads the state's workforce system in its mission to provide workforce solutions to Kansas businesses and job candidates. Asher believes in the importance of approaching the state's workforce needs as a team, partnering with Commerce staff and other state agencies, state and Local Workforce Investment Boards, businesses and postsecondary education and training.

Asher is a member of the Kansas Career Pipeline Board of Directors, International Association of Business Communicators and serves as the alternate to the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Region VII delegate. He was recently inducted as a VIP member of Biltmore Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals.

The featured dinner speaker will be **Dr. Ruth Douglas Miller** of KSU. She will speak on the Kansas Wind Industry. She is an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at Kansas State University. She has advised student projects and taught courses in solar energy since 2001. She now

heads up the Kansas Wind Applications Center at KSU, teaching wind engineering to KSU students, while helping K-12 schools throughout Kansas insert wind energy into their curricula. She also serves as the faculty advisor to the K-State Solar Car Team and was an advisor to the 2007 Solar Decathlon team from Kansas.

The keynote speaker for April 9<sup>th</sup> will be *Mr. Bill Hanlon*. He is known as the "build 'em tight" evangelist in Kansas. He has also had quite an influence on planning in Greensburg, KS.

Mr. Hanlon has been involved in the construction field for 35 years as a carpenter, building contractor, truss manufacturer, and teacher. His work in the field has focused on energy efficient building, and the teaching of alternative methods and approaches to make homes more efficient and sustainable. For the past 14 years Mr. Hanlon has been an instructor in the Construction Technology program at Flint Hills Technical College in Emporia, Ks. and is currently the director of the Sustainable Living Center at the college. The book Outside the Box, published in 2006, introduces the reader to simple methods that produce a much more energy efficient home at little extra cost.

Discussion and presentation topics for the breakout sessions are scheduled to be on Wind, Solar, and Geothermal Energy in Kansas, Electric Vehicles, Costs Associated with Renewable Energy, Residential and Commercial Energy Auditing & Thermal Imaging, USDA REAP Program, Green Initiatives for School Campuses, Greening Curriculum ...and more.

The Summit Expo, open on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm-6:00pm and April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-4:00pm, will feature companies offering green products and solutions, giving attendees a chance for hands-on exposure to the latest innovations. Providers of products and services will be available to answer questions and inform attendees about new technologies. The Expo is open to the public free of charge and will be located in the Field House, on the Independence Community College campus.

Join with state and local government officials, green tech companies and organizations to discover your part in the greening of Kansas. The Summit is open to the public, and is not sold out at this point. For registration to attend the Summit, be an exhibitor at the Expo, or an event sponsor for the summit, contact Chenoa Bosch at 620.332.5621, by email at [cbosch@indycc.edu](mailto:cbosch@indycc.edu), or visit <http://www.indycc.edu/WorkforceDevelopment.htm>.