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Making Energy Independence a Priority

Public forum scheduled November 19, 2008 to discuss Iowa's energy independence plan

Sioux City, IA – (November 12, 2008) – The Iowa Office of Energy Independence will be holding its fifth public forum on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in at Western Iowa Tech. Community College in Sioux City. The office is in the process of developing this years' energy independence plan and needs the public's input.

"With the current economic trends, it is vital to make energy independence a priority," said Roya Stanley, director of the Iowa Office of Energy Independence. "We need to ensure Iowa's economic future; and the best way to do that is to create an energy plan which will help create more green-collar jobs and freedom from volatile energy prices."

Past public forum topics included: wind development, various biomass feedstocks, and energy efficiency.

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Time: 6:30 pm

**Location: Western Iowa Tech Community College—Room B138
4647 Stone Avenue
Sioux City, IA 51106**

*The **Office of Energy Independence (OEI)** sets the strategic direction for Iowa's clean energy future by identifying goals to achieve desired results. The office will align state government efforts for achieving energy independence through partnerships with business and industry, community leaders, government and public agencies, and other stakeholders.*

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