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2009 Alaska Geothermal Conference Announced Event Slated for April 28-30 at Chena Hot Springs

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF), the U.S. Department of Energy, TDX Power Inc. and Chena Hot Springs Resort announce the 2009 Alaska Geothermal Conference to be held April 28-30 at Chena Hot Springs Resort outside of Fairbanks. The conference theme is “Risks, Barriers and Opportunities: Geothermal Projects in Alaska.”

Featured speakers include Representative Bryce Edgmon and Representative Charisse Millett, Co-Chairs of the Alaska State House Energy Special Committee, AEA Executive Director and Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Jim Whitaker, U.S. Department of Energy Geothermal Technologies Program Manager Ed Wall and State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys Director Bob Swenson.

“Chena Hot Springs Resort is known worldwide as the site of Alaska’s first geothermal power plant,” said AEA Executive Director and Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson. “The successful use of geothermal energy for heating, cooling and electricity at Chena Hot Springs demonstrates a practical application of geothermal energy use in Alaska. As we move forward with the development of renewable energy projects, this timely conference brings focus to one of our state’s most promising resources.”

Conference information is available by calling Conference Coordinator Amanda Byrd at (907) 474-1144 or by visiting the conference web site: www.chenaenergy.govtools.us.

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