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### **Nebraska Wind Power 2011 Conference Agenda Released**

(LINCOLN) – The final agenda for the Wind Power 2011 Conference to be held in Kearney at the new Younes Conference Center November 15-16 has been released. The agenda is available at the Nebraska Energy Website: <http://neo.ne.gov/renew/wind-working-group/2011conference/agenda.htm>  
The agenda is also posted at the Nebraska Farmers Union website at: <http://www.nebraskafarmersunion.org>

This year's conference will include three separate tracks, 30 sessions, 60 speakers making 89 presentations, and over 40 commercial exhibitors and sponsors. The agenda provides details as to sessions and speakers.

The keynote speaker for Tuesday's luncheon is James J. Hoecker, Past Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from 1997 to 2001. During that time he was responsible for instituting regional transmission organizations to administer the wholesale electric power system and streamlining the regulatory system. He is currently Senior Counsel and Energy Strategist for the Husch Blackwell lawfirm.

Wednesday's keynote speaker is Nicholas (Nick) Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. Since Nebraska is now aligned with the Southwest Power Pool, their regional transmission planning and development directly impacts Nebraska's state planning and development. State transmission development directly impacts the future development of Nebraska's wind energy resources.

This year Professional Development Hours Certificates will be offered to those that attend various sessions at the Wind Power 2011 Conference. These certificates can be submitted to the various licensing boards to document continuing education requirements for license renewal. There will be sign up sheets at the various sessions. The PDH Certificates will be emailed to attendees that sign up at the various sessions at the conference.

Tuesday, the third track will feature two nationally recognized small and directed wind pioneers and experts, Trudy Forsyth from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden, Colorado and Larry Flowers, Deputy Director of Community and Distributed Wind for AWEA who will release AWEA's annual Small Wind Report. Trudy Forsyth will present sessions on small wind hardware standards, testing, and certification for both equipment and small wind installers as well as discuss the development of small wind around the nation with Larry Flowers.

Wednesday, the third track will have an outstanding set of presenters will outline the expanding University of Nebraska, Community College, and technical trainings opportunities available in our state. There will be sessions on Nebraska's nation leading "Wind For Schools" program, career opportunities, and teacher training will be offered. Student scholarships are still available. For scholarship information, call Nebraska Farmers Union at 402-476-8815.

The discounted Pre-registration rates of \$60 per person and \$30 per student end November 7<sup>th</sup>. Then, online registrations and at the door the fees will be \$75 per person and \$45 for students. Registration fees include meals.

For Registration: <http://neo.ne.gov/renew/wind-working-group/2011conference/register.htm>

For Conference information: <http://neo.ne.gov/renew/wind-working-group/2011conference/2011announce.htm>

For Lodging: Wingate Inn: 308-237-4400 • Hampton Inn: 308-234-3400 • Fairfield Inn: 308-236-4200  
The Hampton Inn and Fairfield Inn are connected by a hallway to the Younes Center. The Wingate Inn is just across the driveway from the main entrance.