



Nebraska Energy Office Director to Speak at Conference ***David Bracht Will Deliver State of Energy Address Wednesday Morning***

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LINCOLN – The Director of the Nebraska Energy Office, David Bracht, will deliver a general session “State of Energy” address to the attendees of the eighth annual Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference at the Omaha Hilton, 1001 Cass St. He will speak on Wednesday morning, November 4th at 8:45 a.m. about *Nebraska State Energy Policy and an overview of the Nebraska Energy Office*.

“David’s years of private sector experience with ethanol and wind energy development give him an excellent understanding and insight into the renewable energy industry. Since the Energy Office is in the middle of several important energy initiatives, we are looking forward to hearing David’s overview of state energy policy and the Energy Office,” said conference co-chairman John Hansen. “The Nebraska Energy Office has been an integral part of our annual wind and solar conferences since 2008, and are important members of our conference planning committee. In addition to his experience and expertise, we know our audience will appreciate David’s enthusiasm for renewable energy issues, and his good sense of humor.”

Bracht was appointed Director of the Energy Office by Governor Pete Ricketts in January 2015, and serves on the Governor’s Cabinet as principal advisor on energy development and policy. As Energy Office Director, Bracht is responsible for daily management and leadership of 20 state employees involved in agency operations including administration of \$5 million of Federal Weatherization Assistance Program funds, a Revolving Energy Loan Program with over \$40 million in total loans and the implementation State Energy Program.

Prior to his appointment, David co-founded and co-lead the renewable energy and biofuels practice groups at two midwestern-based law firms advising clients involved in renewable energy development including biofuels, biomass and wind energy, as well as agribusinesses and businesses involved in production and processing of agriculture products. He has more than 30 years experience in business, government and law, including private legal practice and senior executive experience in private industry and federal and state government agencies.

Registration is \$160 until October 25th and student Registration is \$65. Rooms are still available at the Hilton Omaha, which includes free parking. Those not staying at the hotel will receive a reduced daily parking rate of \$5. Standard and student registration includes the Consumer Energy Showcase, Tuesday, November 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Hilton Omaha. The event is open to the general public for a \$5 admission fee and includes parking. Registration and hotel registration information is available at the conference website <http://nebraskawindandsolarconference.com/>.

To view last year’s presentations, go to <http://www.neo.ne.gov/renew/wind-working-group/2014conference/2014conference.htm>.