

MIDWEST CLEAN TECH 2009



Iowa Governor Chet Culver to Deliver Keynote Address at Midwest Clean Tech 2009

CHICAGO, November 18, 2009 -- Iowa Governor Chet Culver, a strong advocate of sustainable economic development, will be a keynote speaker at next week's Midwest Clean Tech 2009 conference and exhibition, according to event sponsor Global Midwest Alliance.

Midwest Clean Tech 2009, which takes place Nov. 23-24 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, showcases Midwest excellence in clean technology innovation, products and services! . It also allows innovators to connect with experts in financing, business management and international opportunities.

Since taking office as Iowa's 40th governor in January 2007, Gov. Culver has stressed the importance of technology in economic development. He created the \$100 million Iowa Power Fund to help Iowa businesses of all sizes expand into high-growth clean technology industries such as renewable energy and alternative fuel. He serves as chairman of the Governors' Wind Energy Coalition, a bipartisan group of U.S. governors dedicated to the development of the nation's wind energy resources to meet the United States' domestic energy demands in an environmentally responsible manner

"We are pleased that Gov. Culver, one of the leaders in the Midwest, will deliver a keynote address at Midwest Clean Tech 2009," said Rick Stephens, senior vice president, Human Resources and Administration of The Boeing Company and chairman of the Global Midwest Alliance. "He is a leader in sustainable technology and provides important support for clean technology in his state as well as across the nation."

In addition to Gov. Culver, Midwest Clean Tech 2009 will feature representatives of more than 100 companies and agencies. Among the speakers and presenters will be Daniel G. Sullivan, director of research and senior vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; James Naughton, head of the Green Practice at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione; and Rick Stephens of Boeing.

Midwest Clean Tech 2009 will also offer three plenary and 12 breakout sessions addressing key clean technology business topics such as acquiring finances for company growth, the challenges of technology transfer, the market for clean tech companies and the art of identifying overseas

market opportunities. The breakout sessions highlight the latest industry developments in co-generation, lighting, battery hybrid vehicles on-site wind energy, smart homes and appliances, agriculture, energy storage, alternative fuels and biofuels, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Breakout session panelists are recognized industry experts. To see a full list of speakers and to register, please visit www.midwestcleantech2009.com.

In addition, attendees at Midwest Clean Tech 2009 will meet the 12 finalists of the Midwest Clean Tech 2009 Innovation Competition. This competition highlights developers of new technologies and showcases innovations that offer both competitive returns for investors and important solutions to global challenges. Winners of the Innovation Competition will be announced at the conference and featured at the luncheon on Monday.

The event is a collaborative effort of the Global Midwest Alliance; the Economic Development Council; The Boeing Company; Bryan Cave LLP; UK Trade & Investment; the Canadian Consulate General in Chicago; Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione; University Technology Park at the Illinois Institute of Technology; Wexford Science +Technology the Midwest Research University Network; the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; and Argonne National Laboratory, among many others.

Midwest Clean Tech 2009 is the Global Midwest Alliance's second annual clean technology conference. For detailed information and to register, please visit www.midwestcleantech2009.com.

Global Midwest Alliance LLC is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to bring together key stakeholders in the Midwest to achieve sustainable economic growth in our business community. For more information, visit www.globalmidwestalliance.org.

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