

News Release

Over 500 Minnesotans blaze the path to a clean energy future

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The Third Clean Energy Resource Teams Conference will be held at the St. Cloud Civic Center on February 11, 2009. CERTs 2009: Harnessing Resources & Teamwork for Minnesota's Energy Future will bring together over 500 Minnesotans who are blazing the paths to a clean energy future by working on energy efficiency and clean energy projects in their communities. Join Randy Udall, Kerri Miller, Minnesota state representatives and senators, over 60 expert speakers, and hundreds of citizens to find out what people are doing across the state, connect, and share resources.

Renewing America

This conference could not come at a more important time. Our economy is hurting, energy prices are on the rise, and the impacts of global warming are becoming increasingly clear. Minnesotans of all stripes want to know what they can do. It just so happens that many of the solutions to our global climate challenge are also the ones that are going to help our economy and our communities thrive. CERTs 2009 will highlight energy and cost saving projects in cities, schools, businesses, homes, and farms, and we will dig into the latest on green jobs, green manufacturing, and green investment & financing in Minnesota.

Building Community

You can be a part of Minnesota's clean energy future, and you can get energy efficiency and clean energy projects on the ground in your community! Whether you're a farmer, utility representative, school staff, local official, student, business owner—or member of any community—there is a role for you to play. Come experience the value of community and the power of the grassroots through presentations from energy experts, elected officials, CERTs staff, students, teachers, and congregations. Gather the resources and contacts you need to plan your community's energy future.

Saving Energy & Saving Money

Discover the technologies and strategies that will help us save energy and repower Minnesota. Wind, solar, biogas, efficient cooling, heating and lighting, and fuel-efficient cars will be discussed. We will hear from communities about their successful and replicable projects, partnerships, development models, and approaches to community engagement. Extensive networking time and 46 exhibitors will allow attendees to find technical resources needed to plan and implement their projects. A conference documentary and online discussion forum will allow us to harness our collective resources and share them beyond the event.

Cover the Conference

Members of the press are welcome to attend. In fact, we would like to offer you complimentary registration for February 11th. You can be a part of the action, and share this dramatic story about Minnesotans working together to determine our shared clean energy future.

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