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Maine to Host World's Leading Ocean Energy Conference in 2011

AUGUSTA, Maine - Maine will once again host the EnergyOcean International Conference, the world's premier event focused on renewable and sustainable energy from the oceans. In June 2011, technologists, financiers and policy makers from around the world will gather in Portland to share and discuss opportunities for the market of renewable ocean-based energy.

"Maine is becoming a leader in renewable energy," said Governor John E. Baldacci. "We have a competitive advantage with our great potential for tidal, wave, and off-shore wind energy and I am excited about sharing our developments with the world once again in 2011."

Conference attendees will learn of the latest technological advances, investment opportunities, regulatory issues, and planned and implemented projects around the world.

In 2009, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) was the platinum sponsor of the EnergyOcean International Conference which was hosted at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The event was deemed a great success by the organizers, exhibitors and attendees. Nearly 600 people attended the event, a 90 percent increase from the year before.

"Hosting EnergyOcean 2009 was a tremendous accomplishment for Maine," said DECD Commissioner Thaxter Trafton. "DECD was the responsible for recruiting both the 2009 and 2011 conferences to Maine; our hard work has paid off and we're extremely pleased to have the opportunity to showcase Maine's impressive innovation, R&D and ocean energy potential again at next year's EnergyOcean International Conference."

"We are very pleased to return to Maine for the 8th annual EnergyOcean International Conference, which has evolved as a global leader in clean, sustainable ocean energy, and to be joining forces with the State of Maine to create another highly-respected annual event," said Laura Couvillon, EnergyOcean International Show Director. "We are confident that this strategic location and worldwide reach will deliver an unmatched value proposition to the fast-growing ocean energy industry."

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