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Kentucky Energy Conference to Focus on Job Creation, Workforce Development *Conference brings together energy leaders and educators*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 21, 2011) –Leaders in education and the energy industry will meet next week in Frankfort to discuss how to synchronize industry needs with postsecondary academic programs.

“We expect greater dialogue among the education community, energy industry leaders, and ultimately funding sources that focuses on coordinating industry needs and expansion with college degree programs,” explained Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters. “The overall goals are to find avenues to create jobs in the energy sector; to educate Kentucky’s workforce to fill those jobs; and to commercialize technology that is coming from our research institutes and universities.

“In addition, we will discuss how to help our students become business owners and encourage entrepreneurship in the energy field as we create new technologies and new companies,” said Peters.

The 2nd Annual Conference for Kentucky Energy Workforce Development -- Empowering Kentucky through Power Energy -- is sponsored by the Kentucky Consortium for Energy Workforce Development, which includes the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence, the Kentucky Workforce Investment Board, the Council on Postsecondary Education and industry representatives.

The one-day forum will be conducted 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. EDT, April 29 at the Department for Environmental Protection, 300 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort. The forum is free, and a continental breakfast and boxed lunch will be provided. Please respond with your attendance by close of business Monday, April 25 to Ann Randolph by e-mailing Ann.randolph@ky.gov. An agenda is available online at <http://energy.ky.gov/newsevents/Pages/events.aspx>.

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