

Governor Donald L. Carcieri To Discuss Energy Efficiency As a Competitive Advantage in the State of Rhode Island

Governor to address the 2007 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit on May 10th at The Westin Hotel in Providence

Lexington, MA -- 24 April 2007 - Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) announces Rhode Island Governor Donald L. Carcieri will participate as the Luncheon Keynote at the upcoming 2007 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit on May 10th. Under the Governor's direction, the state of Rhode Island has been a leader in promoting and adopting energy efficiency practices to create sustainable economic development throughout the state.

In his presentation, Governor Carcieri will discuss how Rhode Island has embraced energy efficiency as a competitive advantage, and will share the successful strategies that have helped make this transition possible.

In 2006, Governor Carcieri announced a five-point energy agenda to significantly increase access to energy resources, while lowering energy costs, increasing energy conservation and ensuring an energy safety net for low-income Rhode Islanders. Governor Carcieri has set a goal of having 20 percent of Rhode Island's energy needs come from renewable sources. Toward that end, several hydroelectric power projects are currently underway and the Office of Energy Resources, which was established by Governor Carcieri, recently released a comprehensive wind power siting study that showed Rhode Island can achieve 15 percent of the state's electricity generation through wind power.

"We are proud to have Rhode Island Governor Carcieri address the 2007 Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit," stated Susan Coakley, Executive Director, Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships. "The State of Rhode Island has been very effective at educating residents and businesses about the competitive advantage of energy efficiency. Our goal is to share the Rhode Island example with other Northeast states as a model to follow for their efforts in creating a growing economy that values efficiency."

About the Northeast Energy Efficiency Summit

This day-long conference and exhibition brings together over 300 notable policy, government, and business leaders who are realizing the competitive benefits of energy efficiency in their businesses, municipalities, and states. Business leader honorees will participate in a gala evening dinner celebration at the conclusion of the conference portion of the Summit. The dinner celebration includes keynote speaker David Goldstein of the Natural Resources Defense Council, as well as a multi media presentation depicting the efficiency achievements of each selected business leader. The event is open to the public. For more information, visit www.neep.org/summit.

About NEEP

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP) is a regional nonprofit organization founded in 1996 whose mission is to promote energy efficiency in homes, buildings and industry in the Northeast U.S. through regionally coordinated programs and policies that increase the use of energy efficient products, services and practices, and that help achieve a cleaner environment and a more reliable and affordable energy system. For more information, visit <http://www.neep.org> and the conference web site:

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