

# **National Geothermal Collaborative: Geothermal Leasing Panel Event**

**November 17, 2004, 12:00-5:30pm**  
Embassy Suites, 100 Capital Mall  
Sacramento, California

In the last decade there has been very little geothermal development on federal lands. Recent legislation qualifies geothermal development for a production tax credit (PTC). The expectation is that the PTC will encourage new leasing applications for geothermal development.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the meeting is to kick-off an effort to enable field informed discussions of recent success stories, challenges and potential solutions to those challenges. Participants will gain a greater understanding of the key elements to recent successes, the shared challenges, and innovative solutions to those challenges.

## **Meeting Objectives:**

- To share practical information about recent leasing actions (Idaho and Nevada)
- To identify challenges with geothermal leasing (from an agency perspective)
- To discuss possible improvements to the process (discussion with agencies with input from consultants)
- To begin to develop some recommendations to decision makers

**12:00** Lunch (provided)

**12:30** Welcome – John Bebout, BLM - National Geothermal Program Lead

**12:45** Amendments to Geothermal Steam Act – Karl Gawell, Geothermal Energy Association

**1:15** Agency Panel on Geothermal Leasing

*(Invited: Jack Peterson – BLM-ID, Nancy Ketrenos – BLM-OR. Confirmed: Rich Hoops – BLM-NV, Rich Estabrook – BLM-CA, and Bob Fujimoto – FS-Region V)*

*PURPOSE:* to share information on recent geothermal leasing experiences, successes and challenges - identify situational conditions for success/challenges and what steps were taken or what steps might be taken.

**2:45** Consultant Panel on Geothermal Leasing

*(Confirmed: Laurie McClenahan – MHA Environmental, Dwight Carey Environmental Management, Jennie Bricker – Stoel Rives)*

*PURPOSE:* to share information about what are the challenges faced by consultants/industry perspectives, where and how have those challenges been successfully addressed – what steps were taken; what challenges still exist and how could the process be improved

**3:15** Break

**3:30** Discussion: Improvements to the Process

*PURPOSE:* to distill and discuss recommendations from agency and consultant panels in order to discover where there is internal and external agreement about challenges and improvements to the process; from this list, develop a cogent set of recommendations for short and long term strategies.

**5:00** Adjourn

*Facilitator Notes: flip chart challenges, flip chart opportunities or conditions for success, flip chart possible solutions. During the break before the discussion, organize the challenges for some prioritization for discussion, provide a clear flip chart of conditions for success and a list of possible solutions to discuss.*