

## ***Energy Summit to Debate the Future and Impact of Climate Change Policy***

ATLANTA, Sept. 23, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- President Obama has made climate change a priority in his second term, unveiling new executive orders that will cut U.S. carbon emissions. These cuts have the potential to lead to increased utility rates resulting from the phasing out of coal-fired power plants in favor of cleaner power sources such as natural gas or renewable energy. Focusing on the long term energy outlook, [the](#)

### **[36th WEEC](#)**

, will feature a debate on the future and impact of

### **[climate change policy](#)**

, what the next steps are likely to be taken by the executive and legislative branches on the issue, updates on mapping cap & trade legislation and will explore the energy marketplace outlook today and in the future.

The WEEC will include over [250 speakers](#), including Opening Session speakers former Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**; Senator **Jeff**

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**Kateri Callahan**

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**President of the Alliance to Save Energy**

; and

**Jim Bolte**

, **President of Toyota Manufacturing**

,

**Alabama**

; along with Closing Keynote Luncheon speaker

**William Colton**

, **Vice President, Corporate Strategic Planning for the Exxon Mobil Corporation**

. Former Gov. Schwarzenegger's most notable accomplishments while governor include the nation-leading Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 - a bipartisan agreement to combat global warming by reducing

California's

greenhouse gas emissions - and overhauling the state's workers' compensation system - cutting

costs by more than 35 percent. Mr. Colton oversees all of his corporation's strategic planning activities and the development of its Energy Outlook, ExxonMobil's assessment of global energy trends.

Additional highlighted speaker events include the Council on Women in Energy & Environmental Leadership networking breakfast with Featured Speaker, **Nancy Sutley, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality**, discussing the Obama Administration's "all-of-the-above" strategy for responsibly developing available sources of American energy, as well as the President's comprehensive plan to reduce carbon pollution. The

### **Better Plants Recognition Luncheon**

a national recognition event that will include keynote remarks from **Dr.**

**Kathleen Hogan**

, **Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency**

, and the AEE National Capitol Chapter Luncheon with special presentation by

**the Honorable William C. (Bill) Anderson, Former Assistant Secretary and Senior Energy Executive, U.S. Air Force**

, and currently Strategic Development Executive with Eaton Corporation on the topic of *Cyber and Energy Security*.

The WEEC is the nation's largest energy efficiency conference and [exposition](#) and addresses new advances in energy management, lighting, HVAC building systems, Cleantech, renewable and power technologies. Conference topics include: energy policy, high performance buildings, and energy management "best practices" for the federal, commercial, institutional, and industrial marketplace. Stimulus funding updates, green jobs, and financing are covered in detail. For the conference program, go to

<http://www.energycongress.com/program/2013weec/2013WEECProgram.html>

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The WEEC will feature a large, 13-track [conference agenda](#), a full line-up of [seminars](#) on a variety of current topics such as distributed generation, lighting efficiency, measurement and verification (M&V), certified energy management and many more, and a comprehensive 100,000 ft<sup>2</sup> exhibition of the world's most promising

**[new technologies](#)**

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