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Governor announces fifth annual Utah Energy Development Summit

Two-day trade show features more than 75 speakers, a dozen breakout sessions, exhibits, and more on May 24-25, 2016

SALT LAKE CITY – May 17, 2016 – Five years ago, Gov. Gary R. Herbert had a vision to make Utah a leader among states in the provision of affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for decades to come. Utah has led the way on numerous regional and national energy fronts and continues to advance dialogue and innovation at the [fifth annual Governor's Utah Energy Development Summit](#), May 24-25, 2016.

"Responsible energy production is integral to our economic and environmental success," Gov. Herbert said. "This annual event continues to provide a collaborative platform for industry and government, while Utahns become more educated on development in the innovative energy sector."

The two day conference and trade show, to be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, features more than 75 speakers, a dozen breakout sessions and an exhibit area filled with energy equipment and alternative transportation vehicles. Once again, the Summit is expected to draw 1,200 attendees, making it the largest event of its kind in the Intermountain West.

The conference will kick off with a keynote address by Eileen Robertson, chairwoman of the Brian D. Robertson Memorial Solar Schools Fund. She will honor the legacy of her late husband, the co-founder of SunEdison. A special panel follows – Leading Through Energy Transitions – exploring how five successful women leaders have galvanized their teams to effectively navigate periods of low commodity prices and regulatory challenges.



Wednesday begins with remarks by Crystal C. Maggalet, chairman and CEO of FJ Management, Inc., whose entrepreneurial spirit has led a diversified family business that includes Maverik, Big West Oil, and TAB, an industrial loan bank.

Following Maggalet, Crescent Point Energy president and CEO Scott Saxberg will join Gov. Herbert to discuss the company's investment activities in Utah, including their recent announcement of 4,000 proposed new wells in the Uinta Basin. They will offer insights into what may lie ahead for the oil and gas industry, and address their respective approaches to providing leadership through challenging times.

Energy delivery policies are becoming increasingly important to providing growing populations with a reliable and resilient electric system. In the afternoon, senior vice president of Edison Electric Institute, Philip D. Moeller, will examine how companies are focused on identifying innovative solutions and business opportunities to better serve customers.

Multiple breakout sessions will take place throughout the day, covering a range of energy and minerals issues, including:

- Innovations for safety & efficiency in extractive industries
- D.C.'s escalating flow of environmental regulations
- Next generation energy management technologies
- ...*and more*

“Utah continues to be a national leader in responsible energy and minerals production due to the foresight of Gov. Herbert half a decade ago,” said Dr. Laura Nelson, executive director of the Governor’s Office of Energy Development. “We’re proud to once again host a Summit dedicated to engaging with a range of stakeholders in order to advance wise policy options and innovative market solutions for these key industries.”

2016 also marks the fifth anniversary of the Governor’s Office of Energy Development, charged with overseeing the responsible advancement of Utah’s diverse energy and minerals economy through industry assistance, education and outreach, and policy development.

For more information or to register, visit governorsenergysummit.com.

About Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED)

Web: energy.utah.gov

Governor Gary R. Herbert recognizes energy as one of the four cornerstones of Utah’s strength, along with education, job creation, and self-determination. In recognition of this priority, the Governor’s Office of Energy Development (OED) was created in 2011 to advance Utah’s diverse energy and minerals economy through policy, planning and direct engagement.

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