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Welcome to the 2010 Future Energy Conference!

Washington State has a tremendous opportunity to be a leader in the global transition to clean energy. By creating an early market, stable policy framework and the right incentives, we can motivate our state's rich array of technology innovators, investors and researchers to tap a key cross-industry growth trend. Companies investing in renewable energy projects, energy efficiency, and energy-related manufacturing are creating jobs and exportable products and improving competitiveness, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and our dependence on imported oil.

Washington's State Energy Strategy is one of the country's most ambitious--a comprehensive effort to analyze our energy needs and resources out to 2035 so that we can invest in the right strategies now to create reliable, clean and low-cost energy in the future. Wind, solar, hydroelectric, bioenergy, efficiency in buildings and industry, smart grid, storage and other elements must all come together to secure our energy future.

As we build upon last year's successful Washington State Energy Summit, The Future Energy Conference will bring these policy conversations and investment opportunities to the business leaders who know how to make projects happen. Policy makers will be joined by the researchers, designers, manufacturers, installers, consultants, utilities and property owners who make it their everyday business to deploy renewable energy and energy efficiency in Washington's communities.

I welcome this opportunity to advance the knowledge of the energy industry, explore policy initiatives, build partnerships, and showcase the truly impressive capabilities that our state has to offer.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
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