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Dear 2010 Future Energy Conference Attendees,

Welcome to the 2010 Future Energy Conference!

Renewable energy is one of Oregon's fastest growing economic development sectors. It's no secret that Oregon has become a national leader in placing renewable energy and technology as a priority. Not only is our state growing our own new, advanced energy businesses, but we are continually recruiting industries that focus on technologies that will be critical in the next century.

Oregon has long been distinguished as a state model for energy advancement. Business, education and government are coordinating and partnering efforts to support the growth of advanced energy and technology in Oregon. Effective collaboration among these three sectors has provided Oregon with a unique and competitive energy advantage. The reason is clear: we have the communities that attract growing industries; we have the educational infrastructure to support new and existing industries; we have the skilled labor workforce necessary to run those industries; and we have a government that is now attuned to the special requirements of these new industries.

New energy is driving Oregon's future. The April 2010 Future Energy Conference will serve as an ideal forum for leaders from business, government and education to come together to discuss and evaluate the latest energy and efficiency offerings.

Sincerely,



Jeff Merkley
United States Senator