



GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER TO DELIVER REMARKS AT INAUGURAL VAIL GLOBAL ENERGY FORUM

- **Global Energy Forum to Address World's Energy Challenges and Solutions**
- **Public Invited to Participate in Forum at Vilar Performing Arts Center**

BEAVER CREEK, COLORADO—Feb. 2, 2012 – Gov. John Hickenlooper will deliver the keynote remarks at the inaugural Vail Global Energy Forum (VGEF), held March 3-4, 2012 in Beaver Creek, Colo.

The Vail Valley Foundation, in conjunction with Stanford University's Precourt Institute for Energy (PIE) and Precourt Energy Efficiency Center (PEEC), are hosting the event to address the world's energy challenges and solutions.

“The VGEF is dedicated to the search for sustainable solutions to one of the most pressing issues of our times – how to produce enough clean, cost-efficient energy from reliable sources to power our global economy while we bridge the transition to breakthrough renewable energy solutions of the future,” said Vail resident, Jay Precourt, who endowed PIE at Stanford University.

The VGEF will examine the combined challenges of energy supply, energy security and the impacts of energy use that will shape the energy transitions underway now and in the decades to come.

In addition to Gov. Hickenlooper, confirmed participants include George P. Shultz, former U.S. Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of Labor and now Distinguished Fellow of Stanford's Hoover Institution; U.S. Senator Mark Udall of Colorado, Member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Also attending are Dr. Dan Arvizu, Director of National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) for the U.S. Department of Energy—the primary laboratory for the study of energy efficiencies and renewable energy technologies in Golden, CO.

Others include Jeffrey Ball, former Environment Editor of The Wall Street Journal; Tom Petrie, Vice Chairman, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Dr. Ernest Moniz, Director of the

Energy Initiative at MIT; Dr. Burton Richter, Nobel Laureate in Physics, Senior Fellow at Stanford; and Dr. Nathan Lewis, Director, Lewis Research Group at Caltech.

Additional speakers and panelists include Gregory Ebel, President and CEO of Spectra Energy; Tom Siebel, Founder of Siebel Systems; Bert Valdman, Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning, Edison International; Dr. Franklin M. Orr, Director, Precourt Institute for Energy at Stanford; Dr. James Sweeney, Director, Precourt Energy Efficiency Center at Stanford; Dr. Sally Benson, Director, Global Climate and Energy Project, at Stanford.

“The transition to energy systems with much lower greenhouse gas emissions is one of the grand challenges we humans must face in this century. We need to demonstrate in this century that we can live on this planet in a way that protects the systems that sustain us. There is no single solution to this challenge. We need to work on a broad portfolio of approaches, with a spectrum of primary energy resources, time scales, and sources of support,” said Dr. Orr.

The event will be open to the public, with ticket sales now underway. Tickets are \$100 for General Admission and \$175 for a "Signature Package," which includes reserved seating, a pre-event light lunch on Saturday as well as continental breakfast on Sunday.

“The agenda is set and tickets are on sale as speakers and panelists, including government policymakers, leading energy industry executives, world renowned research scientists and journalists continue to confirm their participation,” said Carl Colby, Executive Director of VGEF.

Vail Global Energy Forum tickets are available by phone at (888) 920-ARTS(2787) or in person at the Vilar Center box office in Beaver Creek and the Marketplace box office in Vail Village. Tickets are available online 24 hours a day at www.vilarpac.org .

For additional information on the inaugural Vail Global Energy Forum, contact the Vilar Performing Arts Center at (970) 845-TIXS (8497) or visit www.vailglobalenergyforum.com . The Vail Global Energy Forum is a project of the Vail Valley Foundation. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.vvf.org.