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Houston: November 3, 2010 - Maine will once again host the EnergyOcean International Conference, the world's premier event focused on renewable and sustainable energy from the oceans. June 14 ? 16, 2011, technologists, regulators, financiers and policy makers from around the world will gather in Portland, Maine at the Holiday Inn by the Bay to share and discuss opportunities for the market of renewable ocean-based energy.

EnergyOcean International 2011 will also partner with the Maine Wind Industry Initiative (MWII) which is focused on organizing Maine?s wind industry interests. MWII acts as a knowledge transfer network linking opportunities to Maine companies, relates industry needs to the state and federal government and acts as a communication hub for representing Maine-based industrial partners in the wind energy industry.

"Maine is becoming a leader in renewable energy," said Governor John E. Baldacci. "We have a competitive advantage with our great potential for tidal, wave, and off-shore wind energy and I am excited about sharing our developments with the world once again in 2011."

In 2009, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) was the platinum sponsor of the EnergyOcean International Conference which was hosted at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. The event was deemed a great success by the organizers, exhibitors and attendees. Nearly 600 people attended the event, a 90 percent increase from the year before.

"Hosting EnergyOcean 2009 was a tremendous accomplishment for Maine," said DECD Commissioner Thaxter Trafton. "DECD was the responsible for recruiting both the 2009 and 2011conferences to Maine; our hard work has paid off and we're extremely pleased to have the opportunity to showcase Maine's impressive innovation, R&D and ocean energy potential again at next year's EnergyOcean International Conference."

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