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Idaho Legislature Approves 2012 Idaho Energy Plan

The Office of Energy Resources (OER) announced today that the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan has been approved by the Idaho Legislature. During 2011, the Legislature's Interim Committee on Energy, Environment and Technology conducted a comprehensive review and update of Idaho's 2007 Energy Plan. The OER and the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance (ISEA) provided assistance to the Interim Committee during the update of the energy plan.

The Interim Committee also engaged in a thorough public process that provided substantial opportunity for input from stakeholders and members of the public. The Interim Committee members, members of the ISEA, and other public stakeholders worked hard to develop recommendations that had extensive support, for each of the Objectives, Policies and Actions presented in the plan.

The ISEA, established by Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, was created to allow all related stakeholders to work together to identify and evaluate options for and enabling advanced energy production, energy efficiency, and energy business in Idaho.

"This new comprehensive energy plan will be critical in guiding Idaho's energy policy and providing the foundation for future economic growth and opportunities while helping to ensure a secure, reliable, and affordable energy supply to our citizens," Governor Otter said.

"The 2012 Idaho Energy Plan will encourage sustainable economic development, job creation, energy education, and help Idaho respond effectively to future energy opportunities and challenges," said ISEA Chairman, Dr. Steven Aumeier. "Particularly those opportunities and risks presented by the fast pace of technological innovation."

The five year energy plan replaces and builds upon the 2007 Idaho Energy Plan, which led Gov. Butch Otter to create the Office of Energy Resources and, laid the foundation for millions of dollars of investment in energy efficiency, renewable energy and research and development with money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

More information about the 2012 Idaho Energy Plan and the Idaho Office of Energy Resources is available at www.energy.idaho.gov.

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