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## **DESC brings energy solutions to the forefront at 2010 Worldwide Conference**

**Ft. Belvoir, VA** -- Energy leaders and industry professionals are bringing energy solutions to the forefront of a new collaborative effort among industry, military and federal agencies during the 2010 Worldwide Energy Conference.

Sponsored by the Defense Energy Support Center, a field activity for the Defense Logistics Agency, the conference runs May 10-12 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Conference Center in National Harbor, Md.

The event supports the Department of Defense's continuing efforts to provide effective fuel and energy solutions worldwide, and provides leading energy experts, as well as DESC and military services, an opportunity to focus on energy security while gaining insight to where energy solution initiatives are heading.

More importantly, the conference helps customers and potential clients define how their businesses may be able to expand their supporting roles in the future, said DESC Commander Rear Adm. Kurt Kunkel.

"It is also an opportunity for our customers, and potential customers, to be introduced or advance their awareness on the ongoing initiatives in the DoD fuel and energy support venues, discuss ongoing technology solutions, and share feedback on energy use and efficiency in our collaborative effort to support the Warfighter," Kunkel said.

More than 110 exhibitors and 1,700 attendees participated the 2008 Worldwide Energy Conference, and more are expected this year.

"The WWEC provides a focus on DESC's efforts and initiatives in supporting the current Class III and energy needs of the Warfighter, as well as associated industry trends and developments supporting those areas. However, it will also provide an ideal forum to highlight our increasing focus on alternative fuels and renewable energy in support of the military services' energy program requirements," DESC Energy Plans and Program Director Frank Pane said. "AFRE has



Registration is now open for the Defense Energy Support Center's 2010 Worldwide Energy Conference at [www.desc.dla.mil/2010WWEC](http://www.desc.dla.mil/2010WWEC). The conference, featuring "Energy Solutions for the Future", is at the Gaylord National Hotel and Conference Center in National Harbor, Md., May 10-12.

rightfully received considerable interest within the Department, and the WWEC will provide an opportunity to highlight how DESC is positioned and evolving to support the expanding AFRE mission in support of the Warfighter and other customers.”

Pane noted that in addition to the additional breakout sessions on AFRE, the conference also consists of a panel discussion with senior leadership addressing AFRE initiatives within the Services, OSD and the Department of Energy. Questions and open discussion will follow the panel presentations and updates.

The conference, which was moved to a new location this year to support the expanded trade show, provides more than 40 breakout sessions covering program areas such as approaches to energy, environmental compliance, DoD fuel facility actions, executive agency programs, research and development, EBS energy convergence and organization regional updates.

“The WWEC also contains a 'Doing Business with DESC' session on the first day,” said Col. Frank Rechner, DESC Director of Operations. “This overview is given by Senior DESC leadership and affords attendees a chance to get a detailed understanding of the various unit structures within DESC and our abilities and capabilities to support the operational, research and customer support roles.”

Registration for the 2010 WWEC is open on the DESC Web site at [www.desc.dla.mil](http://www.desc.dla.mil). Attendees should register early to reserve seats for specific breakout sessions and the panel discussion.

Media interested in attending the conference should contact DESC public affairs at (703) 767-5042 or via e-mail at [DESCpublicaffairs@dlamail.mil](mailto:DESCpublicaffairs@dlamail.mil).