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GENERAL WESLEY CLARK TO ADDRESS ENERGY SUMMIT

Former 2004 presidential candidate is a widely recognized renewable energy advocate

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.) announced today that General Wesley Clark, one of the leading executives in renewable energy, has been added as a featured speaker at the upcoming 2010 Renewable Energy Action Summit.

General Clark is the co-chairman of Growth Energy and chairman of Solar Energy Squared, and he is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative's Energy and Climate Change Advisory Board. He also is a four-star U.S. Army general who previously led a peacekeeping force that helped to prevent ethnic cleansing in Albania. General Clark ran for U.S. president in 2004.

“General Clark is a well-known figure throughout the world and is a leader in America’s renewable energy industry,” Dorgan said. “His participation is a very exciting addition to this event, and I’m pleased he’ll be a part of the conversation about how we drive North Dakota’s renewable energy industry into the future.”

Energy industry stakeholders, elected officials and educators from around the region will gather on June 14 at Bismarck State College for the 2010 Renewable Energy Action Summit to discuss North Dakota’s role in America’s renewable energy future. The summit will emphasize the importance of reducing America’s dependence on foreign oil, increasing energy diversity, expanding job creation and be an opportunity to showcase the latest innovations in energy development.

Dorgan previously announced that Dr. Kristina Johnson, the U.S. under secretary of energy at the Department of Energy (DOE), will also be a keynote speaker. Dr. Johnson plays a critical role in managing the nation’s renewable energy programs as a part of her duties at the DOE.

The 2010 Renewable Energy Action Summit is open to the public. To register, visit <http://www.bismarckstate.edu/energysummit>, email BSC.CETI@bsc.nodak.edu or call 1-877-846-9387. The cost is only \$35.

Dorgan will co-host this event with the Great Plains Energy Corridor office, Bismarck State College, the North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy, and engineering firm Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson.

The 2010 Renewable Energy Action Summit is part of Dorgan’s strategy to continue advancing energy production in North Dakota. The senator is a senior member of the U.S. Senate’s Energy and Natural Resources Committee and chairs the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee. In 2005, Dorgan launched the Great Plains Energy Corridor initiative – a plan aimed

at bolstering energy production in North Dakota to create good-paying jobs and help America reduce its dependence on foreign sources of energy.

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