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**SEN. JOHN ENSIGN TO KEYNOTE NOVOGRADAC & COMPANY LLP'S
FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE**

November 13-14 Event to be Held at the Washington Court Hotel, Washington, D.C.

San Francisco, Calif. — Senator John Ensign, R-Nev., who has been a member of the Senate since 2000 and is credited with introducing the Clean Air Energy Tax Stimulus Act of 2008 (S. 2821), will address attendees of Novogradac & Company LLP's **Financing Renewable Energy Conference** at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 13.

Environmental concerns and an over-reliance on fossil fuels are pushing efforts to develop alternative sources of energy; financial feasibility of renewable energy investments is gaining traction and recent proposed legislation that would extend tax credit programs for investment and production, is strengthening the resolve and commitment of renewable energy tax credit (RETC) industry participants more than ever. Recognizing these developments and industry concerns, Novogradac & Company LLP will host its **Financing Renewable Energy Conference**, November 13-14, 2008 at the Washington Court Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Industry professionals will gather in the nation's capital to examine the bipartisan support and successful federal and state energy programs that have buoyed their efforts to drive new investment into renewable energy projects, exchange ideas and increase their awareness and understanding of the programs available to them.

Sen. Ensign, who introduced S. 2821 along with Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., serves on the Budget; Commerce, Science and Transportation; Finance; and Rules & Administration Committees and is Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Technology, Innovation and Competitiveness of the Commerce Committee.

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The two-day event will draw hundreds of active professionals and will address the current climate within the RETC industry, examine incentives that are in place—how to use and apply them to a project’s advantage—and how to turn a project idea into a done deal. Panelists will set their sights on the production tax credit (wind) and the investment tax credit (solar), exploring current trends in solar and wind transactions, including residential solar programs. Panelists will also address the state of the debt and equity markets and the effect that recent market difficulties are having on renewable energy investment and production.

“Because the industry is dynamic, staying current on the issues, trends and changing markets can make all the difference when trying to position your project at the forefront of the energy movement,” says Stephen B. Tracy, conference chairman and partner in the San Francisco office of Novogradac & Company LLP. “There’s no better place than Washington, D.C. for industry professionals to get a handle on the latest action of the renewable energy industry and the tremendous opportunity there exists to develop and invest in clean renewable energy projects.”

Additionally, a one day **Pre-Conference Workshop: Renewable Energy Tax Credit Basics** will be held Wednesday, November 12. The workshop is an ideal event for newcomers to the industry as well as those who want a refresher course. Registration is separate and optional. Additional fees apply.

The **Financing Renewable Energy Conference** is co-hosted by Citi Community Capital, Nixon Peabody LLP and Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal LLP. Sponsors include Alston & Bird LLP, Bank of America, Enterprise, Lane Powell, Powell Goldstein LLP, TransCapital, and United Fund Advisors.

Conference details and the complete conference agenda can be found at www.novoco.com/events.

Novogradac & Company LLP, a national certified public accounting and consulting firm headquartered in San Francisco, Calif., was named in 2008 by Accounting Today, Public Accounting Report and Inside Public Accounting as one of the 100 Top Accounting Firms in the nation; in 2007 and 2008 by Inside Public Accounting as one of the 25 best managed accounting firms and in 2008 as one of only five firms on a list of firms that have exceeded 15 percent growth every year for at least five years; a feat the firm has accomplished through organic growth and not through merging with another firm. In 2007 was named by the San Francisco Business Times as one of only five companies that for five consecutive years has made its list of the Fastest Growing Companies in the Bay Area. Novogradac & Company LLP has its headquarters in San Francisco, Calif., with offices in metro Atlanta, Ga., Washington, D.C. and Kansas City, Mo.; as well as in Austin, Texas, Boston, Mass., Dover, Columbus and Cleveland Ohio, Portland, Ore. and Long Beach, Calif. The firm maintains clients in a broad range of industries with major emphasis in the real estate sector, providing publicly and privately held national and multinational enterprises with a full spectrum of audit, tax, valuation, trust and litigation support, computer consulting and general consulting services.

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