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**TREASURY AND DOE PROVIDE \$2.3 BILLION IN TAX CREDITS FOR MANUFACTURES
OF ADVANCED ENERGY EQUIPMENT**

August 25 Webinar will Address Program, Business and Tax Issues and Concerns

San Francisco — Developers of facilities that manufacture clean energy equipment can now apply for the \$2.3 billion in tax credits that the Treasury Department and the Department of Energy (DOE) are providing through the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (MTC) program created by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. DOE began accepting applications for MTCs on August 14. Preliminary applications are due to the DOE by September 16 and final applications are due to DOE and the IRS by October 16. Award announcements are expected by January 15, 2010.

Although the clean energy industry welcomes this program and is encouraged by its potential to fund clean energy projects and produce much-needed jobs, there is concern that some deserving projects could be overlooked. “Our firm presented comments to IRS and Treasury about a month ago, suggesting credit ceilings for applicants to safeguard against one taxpayer with a very large project siphoning all of the \$2.3 billion from the credit pool,” said Tony Grappone, a principal in Novogradac & Company LLP’s Boston office. “Although it’s conceivable one applicant could win the entire award, I’m glad to see Treasury’s notice includes program policy factors that indicate a desire to award credits to a variety of clean energy project types and sizes across a diverse geographic area.”

Additionally, there is the concern that preliminary applications for the tax credits, which are due September 16, come a mere 30 days after the availability of the credits was announced, which could create problems for smaller developers and discourage them from applying for the tax credit. “It’s critical that developers get as much information as they can, as quickly as they can so they can submit a competitive application within the 30 days that have been allotted,” says Dan Smith, a partner in Novogradac & Company LLP’s Dover, Ohio office.

To assist those who are applying for the MTC, Novogradac & Company LLP’s Renewable Energy Team has been analyzing the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service’s notice of the MTC program and has scheduled a webinar for Tuesday, August 25 to provide clean energy developers and manufacturers a sound understanding the program and its application process.

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Under the program, Treasury and DOE can distribute credits to clean energy equipment manufacturers, to a cap of the \$2.3 billion or until the end of two years, whichever comes first. Treasury will award developers investment tax credits equal to 30 percent of the cost of eligible property produced by facilities that manufacture clean energy equipment in six major categories.

Qualifying developers will produce solar, wind, and geothermal energy equipment; fuel cells, microturbines, and batteries; electric cars; electric grids to support the transmission of renewable energy; energy conservation technologies; and equipment that captures and sequesters carbon dioxide or reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

The “Webinar on Applying for the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit” will summarize the new program and review the guidance for potential applicants. Grappone and Smith will be joined by Forrest Milder, a partner with Nixon Peabody LLP, to give an overview of the program rules, eligible production uses, qualifying criteria, application details, as well as discuss ownership structures and business arrangements, and other tax and program considerations. Information on the webinar can be found online at www.novoco.com/events.

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