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**Novogradac & Company LLP's Financing Renewable Energy Conference to be Held
at Hotel Nikko, San Francisco, April 29- May 1, 2009**

San Francisco, Calif. — The new Obama Administration, recently enacted legislation and economic uncertainty have exerted considerable influence over the Renewable Energy Tax Credit (RETC) program. Novogradac & Company LLP will explore these and other factors affecting the renewable energy industry at its **Financing Renewable Energy Conference**. The April 29 through May 1 event will draw hundreds of industry professionals to San Francisco's Hotel Nikko and will provide attendees with valuable networking opportunities, a platform on which to exchange ideas and the ability to further their knowledge and understanding of the existing programs.

“Completing projects in any economic environment can be difficult and with the current recession it is made even more demanding. However, as greater emphasis is placed on the need for alternative energy, the RETC program continues to grow in strength and importance. The savvy practitioner doing deals understands how the program works, how to capitalize on the opportunities that the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides, and knows where the opportunities are and how to tailor his or her project to suit needs and achieve the desired outcome,” says Stephen B. Tracy, conference chairman and partner in the San Francisco office of Novogradac & Company LLP.

Although largely focused on the investment tax credit (ITC), this event offers participants a comprehensive package — from knowledgeable speakers with real-life experience, and focused sessions that break the ITC into digestible pieces, to the networking opportunities that are so valuable in today's world.

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Leading industry experts will address the Recovery Act, its affect on the renewable energy industry and how best to implement the new provisions; countering the financial questions that threaten to undermine the development of alternative energy sources; examining industry trends, including residential and utility-scale solar transactions; examining the solar market from the developers' perspective; and answering legal and accounting questions. Panelists will also discuss equity sources, combining the ITC with the low-income housing or new markets tax credit, and other current industry topics.

For those attendees seeking CPE credit, the two-day event is worth 7 CPE credits.

Additionally, a one day **Pre-Conference Workshop: Renewable Energy Tax Credit Basics** will be held Wednesday, April 28. 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 Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Lane Powell, Nixon Peabody LLP, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP and U.S. Bank. Sponsors include Foss and Company and United Fund Advisors.

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

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