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**REP. XAVIER BECERRA, D-CALIF., TO ADDRESS RENEWABLE ENERGY TAX  
CREDIT PROFESSIONALS**

**Novogradac & Company LLP's Financing Renewable Energy Conference to Tackle Energy  
Legislation and Program Issues in Washington, D.C.**

**San Francisco, Calif.** — As going green has shifted from trend to expectation, the renewable energy tax credit (RETIC) has become a powerful vehicle for moving a project from idea to reality. At Novogradac & Company LLP's Financing Renewable Energy Conference, the tax credit industry's top professionals will gather to discuss how to capitalize on the incentives the RETIC program offers and will examine the legislative and market forces fueling project development. The two-day event opens November 17 and boasts an agenda that is sure to drive accountants, investors, lenders, government agency officials, not-for-profit representatives, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists nationwide to the Park Hyatt Washington, D.C.

Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., member of the House Committee on Ways And Means, Ranking Member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security and member of the bipartisan Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, will lend a Capitol Hill perspective to the industry-based, technical conference proceedings. He will address attendees at the luncheon on Thursday, November 17.

"All those interested in furthering their industry knowledge, exchanging ideas and building partnerships with the industry's best need look no further than the Financing Renewable Energy Conference. With its unparalleled combination of accomplished panelists, timely topics and networking opportunities, this conference is a sure step in the right direction for any professional wishing to move to the forefront of this dynamic industry," says Stephen B. Tracy, conference chairman and partner in the San Francisco office of Novogradac & Company LLP. "As an active practitioner, I can attest to the tremendous benefits of having a firm grasp of the rules, policies and legislation informing RETIC projects, as well as the importance of understanding who and where the major players are. This conference offers all that and more."

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In addition to the event's usual heavy-hitting Washington Report, attendees can expect to hear technical and substantive discussions centered on market updates, various financing structures, and issues unique to renewable energy projects. Among the many topics to be addressed in detail are the Treasury's Section 1603 grant program, which is especially pertinent because of its December 31 deadline to commence construction; the characteristics of leveraged renewable energy projects; the latest in Solar Renewable Energy Certificates; equipment prices; legal and tax issues; done deals—what worked and what didn't; and more.

Attendees will be given ample opportunity to network and are encouraged to mix and mingle with colleagues and speakers during the many session breaks and at a reception held Thursday evening from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The two-day event is worth 7 CPE credits.

For those wanting to learn more, the one-day pre-conference workshop, **Renewable Energy Tax Credit Basics** will be held Wednesday, November 16. This course, ideal for industry newcomers as well as those looking to refresh their knowledge, will delve into various subsidies while examining the ownership structures and implications that accompany each. Registration is separate and optional. Additional fees apply.

The **Financing Renewable Energy Conference** is co-hosted by Chadbourne & Parke LLP, Nixon Peabody LLP and SNR Denton and is sponsored by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Ballard Spahr LLP, Bryan Cave LLP, Main Street Power Company, Rath Young and Pignatelli P.C. and US Bank; media sponsors include energyacuity, enerG Alternative Sources Magazine, Greentech Media, Low Carbon Economy and the Novogradac Journal of Tax Credits.

Conference details and the complete conference agenda can be found at <http://www.novoco.com/events/retc/washington/index.php#home.php>.

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