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TEXAS FUTUREGEN BID GETS SERIOUS BOOST WITH ADDITION OF BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY TO WILLIAMS-LED EFFORT

AUSTIN (July 18, 2005) -- The State of Texas took a significant step forward in its effort to land the U.S. Department of Energy's \$1 billion FutureGen program with today's announcement that the Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) has been selected to develop the state's proposal.

Railroad Commissioner Michael L. Williams, who chairs the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council made the announcement today at the BEG Office in Houston. On hand for the announcement were members of the Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas (CCTFT), who commended Commissioner Williams' selection.

"Commissioner Williams' vision and leadership have been a tremendous asset to Texas from the outset of our state's FutureGen proposal development process," said Donna McDonald, Administrative Director of the CCTFT. "By bringing in the BEG to help prepare Texas' bid, we are confident that the premiere location needed to secure the FutureGen project will be identified."

The Bureau of Economic Geology functions as a research unit of the University of Texas at Austin, the State Geological Survey and the Regional Lead Organization for the Petroleum Transfer Council. Directed by state geologist Dr. Scott Tinker, the BEG is the most qualified research institute in Texas to work with the state's leadership in preparing Texas' proposal.

"A strong regional venture is required for a successful bid," said McDonald. "The BEG's longstanding and active involvement in the Gulf Coast Carbon Center is a tremendous asset for developing a regional approach. The Clean Coal Technology Foundation is convinced that Dr. Tinker and his team are the perfect group to manage Texas' momentous effort to be chosen to host the FutureGen plant."

FutureGen is the U.S. Department of Energy's \$1 billion research initiative to build the cleanest fossil-fuel based power plant in the world. The FutureGen plant will not only produce electricity with near zero emissions, it will also produce carbon dioxide for use in enhanced oil recovery and hydrogen gas for use in the refining, chemical and transportation fuel industries. A direct response to President Bush's Climate Change and Hydrogen Fuels Initiative, the public-private partnership aims to develop a large scale engineering laboratory for testing new clean coal technologies, carbon capture and coal-to-hydrogen technologies.

The Clean Coal Technology Foundation of Texas promotes the use and development of clean coal technologies that will result in reliable, low-cost and increasingly clean energy for Texas. CCTFT is a privately funded entity that also works to support the mission of the Governor's Clean Coal Technology Council.

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