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Former United States Senator Norm Coleman to address Washington Energy and Defense Alliance October Meeting

Coleman will underscore the need for small to medium size energy and defense companies to work together to expand economic opportunity and growth

(Seattle, WA) Former Minnesota United States Senator Norm Coleman will be the keynote speaker for the October 29th meeting of the Washington Energy and Defense Alliance (WEDA) to be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Offices of Davis, Wright Tremaine in Seattle, Washington.

Coleman's address will touch on the need for collaboration and cooperation with small and medium sized energy and defense companies to reach their goals for growth and job creation. Coleman will address a host of issues, including how companies can effectively communicate and work with elected officials to support such cooperation.

Coleman, a former two-term Mayor of Saint Paul, Minnesota, served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee where he worked to ensure that America remain a powerful force for democracy and compassion in the world. Coleman's commitment to a nuclear free Iran, steadfast commitment to human rights and freedom in places like Cuba and his tireless commitment to fighting the scourge of AIDS in Africa, earned him kudos from Democrats and Republicans. His seat on the Board of the National Endowment for Democracy provides continued involvement in these critical issues.

Senator Coleman also served on the Homeland Security Committee and co-authored legislation enhancing our nation's port security. From his seat on the Agriculture Committee, he championed energy independence, expansion of nuclear energy and a commitment to renewable fuels. As Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), Coleman rooted out billions of dollars of government waste, fraud and abuse. His groundbreaking investigation of the U.N. Oil-for-Food program led to important reforms at the U.N., and exposed the corruption of officials across the world.

The following are details regarding the October WEDA meeting:

When: Thursday, October 29, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Location: Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, 1201 Third Avenue, Suite 2200, Seattle, WA

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The Washington Energy and Defense Alliance is an emerging non-profit alliance, which aims to support a local network of individuals, firms, universities and coalitions which are actively involved in energy production, alternative energy development and national security and defense. Washington EDA seeks to recognize the intersection of national security and energy independence issues and to bring visibility to the unique solutions that exist in Washington State. The ultimate goal of the Washington EDA is to nurture and expand Washington's science, technology and job base and further promote Washington State's industry participation in delivering energy and defense solutions to the national market.

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