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## **2008 Rural Energy Conference Announced**

Event Slated for September 16-18 in Girdwood

(Anchorage) – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and the Alaska Center for Energy and Power at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) announce the 2008 Rural Energy Conference to be held September 16-18 at The Hotel Alyeska in Girdwood. This year’s conference theme is “Developing Local and Renewable Energy Resources.”

Invited speakers include Governor Sarah Palin, Senator Ted Stevens, Senator Lisa Murkowski, Anchorage Mayor Mark Begich, University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton and Denali Commission Federal Co-Chair George Cannelos.

“Alaska stands at the threshold of making sweeping changes in the way we heat our homes, schools and facilities, generate our electricity and provide for our transportation,” said AEA Executive Director and Energy Coordinator Steve Haagenson. “With today’s high cost of energy impacting virtually every Alaskan, I cannot imagine a Rural Energy Conference more important and timely than this one.”

Technical sessions will focus on four areas: Management and Economics, Current Technologies, Forward/Future Technologies and Energy Conservation.

Conference registration information is available by calling the UAF Arctic Energy Technology Development Laboratory (AETDL) at (907) 474-1929 or by visiting their web site:

[www.uaf.edu/aetdl](http://www.uaf.edu/aetdl).

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