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THE LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER WELCOMED WINDPOWER 2007®[®], ATTRACTING RECORD HIGHS, DIVERSE WIND PROFESSIONALS, AND HIGH-PROFILE ELECTED OFFICIALS NATIONWIDE

LOS ANGELES, CA—JUNE 11th, 2007—Last week from June 4-6, the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) opened its doors to WINDPOWER 2007® of American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), the largest wind energy conference and exhibition held annually in North America. More than 400 companies demonstrated the latest advancements in wind energy technology, including most of the world’s largest wind turbine manufacturers. This year’s theme: *Growing the Wind Energy Business*, helped record AWEA’s highest attendance figures ever with over 7,000 attendees registered, nearly 420 exhibitors, and about 12,000 room nights for the conference (a 30% increase in room nights compared to 2006 figures). It also recorded a first for the LACC when a 170,000-pound nacelle served as the single heaviest piece of equipment ever displayed onsite (*the nacelle is the part of a wind turbine that sits atop the tower and houses the generator*).

A special appearance and welcoming note by the Honorable City of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa among other high profile guests such as Governor Brian Schweitzer of Montana, Governor Chet Culver of Iowa, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, Congressman Jerry McNerney of California’s 11th District, and Actor/Activist Ed Begley Jr.

The LACC catering operations supported 4,500 guests the first three days of the conference, and about 3,800 more on the last day. “The client had asked that we not use a particular type of plastic (#6), so we took it a step further and ordered "Green Disposable" material type for all servings,” stated Pouria Abbassi, General Manager and CEO of the Los Angeles Convention Center. “According to our client, the Los Angeles Convention Center was the first Convention Center to offer this green-friendly material,” added Abbassi.

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About the Los Angeles Convention Center

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) is one of the most technologically advanced convention and exhibition centers in the world. LACC attracts over 2.5 million annual visitors and is renowned internationally as a prime site for conventions, trade shows and exhibitions. With its towering emerald architectural design, the LACC is a well recognized Los Angeles landmark. An integral economic component to the Southern California area, total sales from client secondary spending tops \$1.1 billion annually, generating and sustaining over 12,000 local jobs. LACC is a model environmental-friendly facility. Its solar panels are capable of meeting the electricity needs of an estimated 100 homes, and it's recycling, energy efficiency, and water conservation programs help to conserve the environment. Currently, 20% of the facility operates on environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy. LACC is also a proud recipient of prestigious industry awards including several Planner's Choice Awards presented by Meeting News magazine, multiple Prime Site Awards from the Facilities and Destinations magazine, and recognition for model emergency care programs. For more information about the Los Angeles Convention Center, please call (213) 741-1151, ext. 5319 or visit www.lacclink.com.

About AWEA

AWEA, formed in 1974, is the national trade association of the U.S. wind energy industry. The association's membership includes turbine manufacturers, wind project developers, utilities, academicians, and interested individuals. More information on wind energy is available at the AWEA web site: www.awea.org.

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