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TECHNOLOGY SPURS NEW AFCEA ENERGY CHAPTER

First-Ever Energy-Focused Chapter Answers Obama's Call for Clean Energy Economy

Germantown, Maryland – December 1, 2009 – In answer to President Obama's call for a more energy efficient country, the Germantown Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) today announced its rebranding as the AFCEA Energy Chapter. The new name reflects a new and expanded mission for the chapter, which will address issues facing the federal energy community nationwide.

"Our economic and environmental future depends on one issue: energy," said Guy Mincey, president of AFCEA Energy. "In the United States, energy usage per person has doubled since 1972 and it continues to rise. It's a national security issue; it's an economic issue; it's a technology issue—it's the issue that will determine if we lead the way in this century and preserve our planet into the next."

The new chapter will provide a forum where scientific, technology, and policy leaders from industry and government can come together to address the needs of the energy community. AFCEA Energy plans to leverage Web 2.0 and other collaborative tool sets to create a virtual environment in order to support a more open and transparent government. This technology-based approach will reduce traditional geographical barriers and reach across the multi-layered framework of the energy community.

"The AFCEA Energy program will provide an excellent forum for discussion of issues and solutions among the major elements of the Department of Energy, many of which are widely distributed across the country," said Curt Adams, Senior Director for Member and Chapter Services at AFCEA International. "The Germantown Chapter has always enjoyed a valuable

relationship with the Department of Energy. Now, through collaborative technology, they can open their doors to serve all federal agencies with national security interests.”

The Department of Energy is among the most geographically diverse components of the federal government. With 17 national laboratories and researchers at 300 universities, the Department of Energy represents one of the largest science investors in the country. Its responsibilities include energy security, nuclear security, environmental responsibility, as well as scientific discovery and innovation.

“Government is going to lead the next revolution in technology,” said Mincey. “As such, the chapter has created the AFCEA Energy Technical Advisory Board made up of both industry and government. Through their leadership and guidance, they will produce the technical roadmap for AFCEA Energy to ensure our programs are consistent, identify the most pressing needs and challenges and deliver strong value to the energy community.”

ABOUT AFCEA ENERGY

Founded through collaboration with the Department of Energy Chief Information Officer, the AFCEA Energy Chapter is a non-profit organization that encourages greater government/industry partnerships and fosters networking among technology professionals in the energy community. In 2005 and 2006, the chapter received Special Recognition Awards from AFCEA International for its ongoing programs and increased membership. For additional information, please visit www.afceaenergy.org.

ABOUT AFCEA INTERNATIONAL

AFCEA International, established in 1946, is a non-profit membership association serving the military, government, industry, and academia as an ethical forum for advancing professional knowledge and relationships in the fields of communications, IT, intelligence, and global security. To learn more about AFCEA International, visit www.afcea.org.

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