REGISTER NOW FOR THE TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT FORUM APRIL 2. The topic will be “The Carbon and Energy Connection: What You Need to Know”. If you are responsible for managing the use or purchase of energy at your plant or your company’s response to federal climate change legislation, this Forum will educate you about the legislation, impacts on electricity prices, what one company is doing about energy and carbon emissions, and how to price carbon during capital project development. Speakers include Scott Deatheridge, Thompson & Knight LLP; Miles Keogh, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners; and Pratik Misra, Bayer Technology Services. There is no cost for attending the Energy Forum; however, pre-registration is requested so that we can provide adequate facilities. To view the program, go to http://TexasIOF.ces.utexas.edu under “What’s New”.

TEXAS IOF AND TEXAS CHEMICAL COUNCIL OFFER ENERGY PROGRAM JUNE 9. Find out what leading companies are doing to keep energy costs down in the face of very limited resources. Speakers include representatives from ExxonMobil, LyondellBasell, Rohm and Haas, CCP, Furnace Improvements, and others. Registration to open in late March. The program will be posted on the Texas IOF website under “What’s New”.

ONCOR’S REBATE PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS LAUNCHED. Oncor’s Take A Load Off, TexasSM Targeted Industrial Energy Efficiency Program is a rebate program available for Oncor industrial customers with a service voltage of 69 kV or greater. The program helps Oncor industrial customers identify key areas for energy efficiency improvements and provide financial incentives to implement approved energy efficiency measures. The program is designed to achieve energy and peak period demand reductions. Preference will be given to facilities with the following attributes:

- High normalized demand, energy use, and cost ($/lbs of production, kW/ft2 peak, kWh/lbs production)
- Energy assets requiring repairs or replacements

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LANDFILL GAS REPORT EVALUATES AIR EMISSION IMPACTS OF USE IN MIXED FUEL APPLICATIONS. This report by Dr. Thomas Edgar, The University of Texas at Austin, addresses the technical feasibility of using mixed fuels such as natural gas and landfill gas (LFG) in steam generation. The focus of this report is on the environmental aspects of substituting LFG for natural gas in combustion. Due to the rising cost of natural gas, there is an economic incentive to use LFG if certain technical
and environmental issues can be resolved. Download a copy of the report from http://texasiof.ces.utexas.edu/index.htm under “What’s New”.

DOE SBIR/STTR Phase II. The U.S. Department of Energy invites DOE SBIR/STTR Phase I Awardees from FY 2008 to submit Phase II grant applications. $104 million expected to be available, individual awards NTE $750K. Responses due 4/17/09. For more info, contact Larry James at SBIR-STTR@science.doe.gov or go to: https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/50936FAD3010A97685257555006801F9?OpenDocument. Refer to Sol# DE-PS02-09ER09-09.

TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION POSTS THREE REPORTS ON TEXAS ENERGY EFFICIENCY POTENTIAL, CHP, AND EMISSION REDUCTIONS DUE TO EFFICIENCY. The following reports have been posted on the Texas PUC website.
1. PUC Report to the Texas Legislature Concerning Combined Heat and Power in Texas – Project Number 34934
2. Study of the Potential for Energy Efficiency Measures under PURA 39.905 - Project No. 35266
3. Estimation of Annual Reductions of NOx Emissions in ERCOT for the HB3693 Electricity Savings Goals - Project No. 35266
Download them from http://www.puc.state.tx.us/rules/rulemake/33487/33487.cfm

DOE AND TEXAS LAUNCH PILOT PROJECT ON PLANT ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATION. Through October 2009, energy experts will be working with staff from five manufacturing plants in Texas to test the components of a proposed national plant energy-efficiency certification program. You can read more about the program at www.SuperiorEnergyPerformance.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
- April 2, 2009. Texas Industrial Energy Management Forum. 4-6 pm
- June 9, 2009. Texas IOF Energy Management track at the annual Texas Chemical Council seminar. 8-5 pm.