TEXAS IOF ORGANIZES ENERGY EFFICIENCY SESSION AT THE AIChE REGIONAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE OCT 2. The first regional Process Technology conference offers tracks on energy efficiency, distillation and separations, refining, petrochemicals, process safety, and process simulation. Attend one or both days (Oct. 1 and 2) in Galveston, Texas. You can view the conference program at http://www.aiche.org/Conferences/2009Regional/Galveston.aspx. Speakers on the Energy Efficiency track include Frank Roberto and M. G. Lorenz, ExxonMobil Chemical Company; Tin-Yin Lam, Chevron Global Manufacturing and Todd Willman, EPCON International; Uyi Iyoha, Praxair Inc; and Ashutosh Garg, Furnace Improvements.

READ WHAT FIVE TEXAS PLANTS ARE DOING TO ACHIEVE SUPERIOR ENERGY PERFORMANCE. The US DOE is featuring the Superior Energy Performance, a program to certify plants for energy efficiency, and the Texas pilot project, in ENERGY MATTERS. The newsletter also details development of standards in energy management and system assessment, as well as an interview with Glenn Haley, plant leader at the Owens Corning Waxahachie plant. All these initiatives are aimed at providing coordinated tools to industries seeking to improve and sustain their energy performance. Go to http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/industry/bestpractices/energymatters/ to view the newsletter.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR DIRECT PAYMENTS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES. U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Energy are accepting applications for a program that will make direct payments in lieu of tax credits to companies that create and place in service renewable energy facilities. The two Departments estimated distributing at least $3 billion in financial support to approximately 5,000 bio-mass, solar, wind, and other types of renewable energy production facilities. The funding for this effort is made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. There is no cap on the program funding and as long as applications are submitted by the statutory deadline of October 1, 2011 they will be considered. For the 1603 Grant terms & conditions, guidance, and a sample application, visit: www.treas.gov/recovery/1603.shtml

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES? Check out the “Funding Opportunity” summary document at the Texas IOF webpage under “What’s New”. You can subscribe to the email list serve from the University of Washington and receive direct notifications of many energy-related funding opportunities. Go to http://TexasIOF.ces.utexas.edu under “What’s New”.

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