



## *Texas Industries of the Future*

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### **TEXAS IOF ORGANIZES ENERGY EFFICIENCY SESSION AT THE AIChE REGIONAL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE OCT 2.**

The first regional Process Technology conference was an outstanding success, with more than 150 attendees at the Energy Session to hear speakers including Frank Roberto, ExxonMobil Chemical Company; Todd Willman, EPCON International; Uyi Iyoha, Praxair Inc; and Ashutosh Garg, Furnace Improvements. Take a peak at one of the presentations from Praxair, which will update you on a potential change in the flare regulations which will reduce your burning of natural gas, while maintaining environmental performance. Go to <http://TexasIOF.ces.utexas.edu> under "What's New".



**FUNDAMENTALS OF COMPRESSED AIR WORKSHOP NOV. 17, SAN ANTONIO.** Learn how to reduce your compressed air system costs by 15 to 25%. Download the flyer at the TexasIOF home page. Cost: \$90. Advance registration required.

**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](http://www.treas.gov/recovery/1603.shtml)

**DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE KEEPING UP WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES?** Check out the “Monthly Funding Opportunities” document on the Texas IOF “Funding” webpage. 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/funding\\_opps.htm](http://texasiof.ces.utexas.edu/funding_opps.htm)