MIDWEST ENERGY FORUM AGENDA
University of Chicago, Gleacher Center
March 3, 2011

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration (6th Floor Lobby)

8:30 – 9:05 a.m.  Welcome Remarks: (Room 621)

  Michael Polsky, President and CEO, Invenergy LLC

  Morning Keynote Presentation

9:15 – 10:15: a.m.  Panel Discussion:

  Innovations in Transportation (Room 621)
  As we move from gas-guzzling vehicles to energy-efficient transportation, opportunities for innovation abound. This panel will explore the latest innovations in technology and energy efficiency. Transportation and logistics industry leaders will provide insights on the latest advances and future of electric, natural gas, and other technologies in the transportation industry.

  Speakers: TBA

10:15 – 10:25 a.m.  Break

10:25 – 11:55 p.m.  Clean Energy Challenge Presentations (Rooms 100 and 400)

12:00 – 12:40 p.m.  Lunch (Room 621)

12:20 – 1:00 p.m.  Midwest Energy Forum Keynote Presentation (Room 621)

  Speaker TBA

1:10 – 2:40 p.m.  Clean Energy Challenge Presentations (Rooms 100 and 400)

2:40 – 2:50 p.m.  Break

2:50 – 3:40 p.m.  Panel Discussion:

  SmartGrid Case Study (Room 100)
  This case study-based session will cover the smart grid landscape in Northern Illinois and the greater Midwest. Representatives from companies pioneering smart grid technology will share best practices and lessons learned, and will predict the evolution of smart grid technology in the coming years.

  Speakers: TBA

  Clean Energy Challenge Idea Fast Pitches (Room 400)
3:40 – 3:50 p.m.   Break

3:50 – 4:50 p.m.   Concurrent Panel Sessions:

    Financing Clean-Tech Companies – Project Finance: (Room 100)
    Traditional financing is difficult to come by, given the state of market conditions. In this session, you will learn about project financing as well as trends in the clean tech sector for startups in all stages of investment.
    Speakers: TBA

    Building Efficiency: (Room 400)
    Sustainable building design and construction is quickly becoming the standard, with organizations such as the U.S. Green Building Council dedicated to efficient, green construction. This panel will examine the transformation of the building industry toward sustainability, which ultimately leads to healthier, more viable communities.
    Speakers: TBA

5:00 – 5:15 p.m.   Clean Energy Challenge Speaker & Awards Presentation (Room 621)

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.   Reception (Room 621)