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Under Secretary of Energy Keynote Speaker at UDC's International Conference on Renewable Energy for Developing Countries

Washington, D.C. - The Honorable David K. Garman, Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment, has agreed to deliver the keynote address at the University of the District of Columbia's International Conference on Renewable Energy for Developing Countries 2006, scheduled for April 6-7, 2006. Secretary Garman will deliver the Keynote Address at 9:00 a.m. on April 6 at the plenary session of the Conference at the Omni Shoreham, Woodley Park.

The conference will provide information on current research and best practices on sustainable alternative energy sources to improve quality of life in developing countries. Organized primarily by the University of the District of Columbia's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the conference provides a forum for discussion of topics relevant to the development of renewable energy solutions throughout the world and in developing countries in particular. Experts from academia, government and industry will come together at this conference to evaluate best practices and solutions for feasible, reliable, and sustainable

generation of renewable energy. The program will also include an Ambassadors' Panel and an International and Non-Governmental Forum. Details on the conference, including registration, sponsors, speakers, and the Advisory Board, can be found at www.icredc.udc.edu.

Secretary Garman is one of many distinguished speakers slated to address the conference. U.S. Rep Mike Honda (D-CA), ranking member of the House Energy Subcommittee, will address the conference at a dinner banquet Friday evening. Mr. Chuck Clinton, Director of the DC Energy Office, and Dr. Rosenthal-Brendel, a Senior Energy Specialist from the Energy and Water Department of the World Bank will also address the conference. Panel discussions throughout the conference will explore a wide range of topics related to sustainable alternative energy sources.

The Conference will conclude on April 7 with the inauguration of the Center of Excellence for Renewable Energy a multi-disciplinary center in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Center will be a national and international locus for innovation in the rapidly growing area of renewable sources – solar, wind, fuel cells, etc. Additionally, the Center will be a partner in the development of energy efficient resources and uses for the District and other urban areas. The conference has received strong support from the District of Columbia Energy Office. This event will be located on the Cleveland Dennard Plaza at University with transportation provided from the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Sponsorship for this first-ever conference is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, the District of Columbia Energy Office. BP Solar, Xantrex, World Council for Renewable Energy, DC Department of Energy, SkyBuilt Power, Grundfos and IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology. The University welcomes the participation of the public, government agencies, industry, international and non-governmental organizations, and foreign mission to the conference.

The University of the District of Columbia is the fully-accredited sole public source for accessible, inclusive, affordable, and comprehensive public higher education in the District of Columbia and provides additional life-long learning opportunities. The University delivers quality instruction and uses student-centered approaches to empower and benefit both individuals and its local communities. The University, an urban land grant institution, is a very diverse community, a gateway to the world, and a significant investment engine for the District of Columbia. The University is located at 4200 Connecticut Ave, NW Washington, and is conveniently located at the Van Ness/UDC stop on the Red Line of Metro. For more information on other University activities, contact Mike Andrews, Senior Director for Communications and University Spokesperson at (202) 274-5685 or visit the University's web site at www.udc.edu.

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