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The Keystone Center's Youth Policy Summit to Address Energy Innovation in the U.S.

Keystone, Colorado, June 13, 2010 – The Keystone Center's Youth Policy Summit challenges junior and senior high school students in addressing the critical issue of Energy Innovation. Forty of the nation's best and brightest science and math students are gathering at The Keystone Center, June 13-19. After spending their spring semester conducting original research, these students engage energy leaders from industry, government and non-profit sectors on policy solutions for sustainably meeting current and future energy needs of the nation

These young leaders are focusing not only on progressive energy solutions; they are also tasked with creating opportunities for new "green" jobs within the energy sector. Participants negotiate consensus-based recommendations and then share them with the State Board of Education, Members of Congress, and state legislatures as well as business and NGO leaders. On June 15th, from 9am to 1pm, students will meet with a panel of professional experts from across the nation at The Keystone Center. "The Keystone Center focuses on the right initiatives to better prepare young people to compete in the future," said, Jim Donlon, former CFO of ArvinMeritor, an expert panelist. "The breadth and depth of the learning experience involved in the Youth Policy Summit is impressive." Panelists for the 2010 event include:

Colorado Governor's Energy Office- Alice Madden, Deputy Chief of Staff, Climate Change Adviser
National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Robi Robichaud, Senior Engineer, Wind Technology Center
Rocky Mountain Institute, Mathias Bell, Analyst, Electricity Practice Team
Western Resource Advocates, Lowrey Brown, Senior Policy Analyst, Energy Program
Schlumberger, Wayne Rowe, Rocky Mountain Project Manager
Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Scott Moore, VP of Gas Marketing
Colorado State Senate, Dan Gibbs, Representative

A highlight of the Summit takes place on **Friday, June 18th** at 5:30 p.m. when students present their final policy recommendations to the public. **Media and the public are welcome to attend any of the Summit events: June 15th will be held at The Keystone Center on 1628 Sts John Rd in Keystone and on June 18th at 1053 Soda Ridge Road in Keystone at the Keystone Science School Campus. Maps can be found at www.keystone.org/contact-us for both locations. RSVPs are recommended, please contact Annemarie Fussell with questions and for media coverage of any portion of the Youth Policy Summit.**

Sponsors of the program include: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Schlumberger Carbon Services, Anadarko Petroleum Company and Edison Electric Institute. The Youth Policy Summit is an annual collaboration between The Keystone Center and The National Consortium for Specialized Secondary Schools of Mathematics, Science and Technology (NCSSSMST).

ABOUT THE KEYSTONE CENTER

Headquartered in Keystone, Colorado, The Keystone Center prepares leaders of today and tomorrow with the intellectual and social skills they will need to resolve society's most challenging energy, health, environmental and resource problems. The education programs attain this goal through the application of scientific methods, the reconciliation of difference through negotiation, and the development of critical thinking and collaborative problem solving. Education

programs provide direct experiences within the context of local, national and global issues. Our students range from young children through adults and represent a diversity of groups. Our success is measured by the quality of our programs, the achievements and effectiveness of our students and educators and our contributions to a better society.