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National Energy Foundation Presents Options for School Energy Savings *Nevada school districts take advantage of money saving programs*

SALT LAKE CITY (September 12, 2003) –Eleven school districts from around the state of Nevada opted to take advantage of energy education support and services offered through National Energy Foundation on behalf of the Nevada State Office of Energy, the U.S. Department of Energy, Rebuild America–*EnergySmart Schools* Initiative and Sierra Pacific/Nevada Power. The *EnergySmart Schools In Action* Conference was presented as a post-session to the NASA (Nevada Association of School Administrators) Annual Summer Conference at Caesars Tahoe Conference Center in Lake Tahoe June 17 – 18. Coordinating the *EnergySmart Schools In Action* event was National Energy Foundation, a Salt Lake City, Utah based company long recognized as a national leader in providing educational materials and programs to support the lowering of energy consumption in schools.

At a time when both energy usage and energy costs are on the increase, many school districts are taking action to reduce energy costs. The purpose of this event was to motivate awareness of and opportunities for energy education, improved buildings performance, procurement procedures, renewable energy technologies, resource conservation and new building construction through a *Rebuild America - EnergySmart Schools* menu of services, products and resources. Participating school districts received assistance in the formulation and/or revision of an energy action plan. Nevada models were showcased and potential opportunities for staff and student energy education programs and training were presented.

Around 42 educators and school district administrators received *EnergySmart Schools* - National Energy Foundation resources, tools and support to assist in energy efficiency change and conservation within the school districts. A website was developed by NEF to aid in registration and showcase activities and pictures of conference participation. For more information on the conference, go to www.nef1.org/essia/nv/index.html.

Two new Rebuild America grants have recently been awarded to NEF; one of which is a regional grant to benefit Nevada, Utah and Idaho. Through this grant, NEF will continue to coordinate efforts with the Nevada State Office of Energy to bring



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energy education support and *Rebuild America-EnergySmart Schools* information and resources to the school districts of the state. This effort will hopefully result in decreasing school energy expenditures. The National Energy Foundation is a unique 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the development, dissemination, and implementation of supplementary educational materials, programs and courses that relate primarily to energy, water, natural resources, science and math, technology, conservation and the environment. For more information about National Energy Foundation, visit the NEF Web site at www.nef1.org.

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